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USE OF ORGANIC ECOLOGICAL FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to improve organic/ecological fertilizers under the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to shift subsidies from chemical fertilizers to support ecological fertilization under the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of proposed monitoring mechanism to support ecological fertilization?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Government, as part of promoting integrated nutrient management is promoting use of organic/ecological fertilizers by advocating soil test-based balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers, bio-fertilizers and organic manures to maintain soil health and its productivity. Government is also supporting production of bio- fertilizers and organic manures and providing subsidy for setting up of Vegetable and Fruit Market Waste Compost units and Bio-fertilizer production respectively. Financial assistance is also being provided for setting up of vermi-compost production units under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY).

(c) & (d): There is no such proposal under consideration regarding shifting of subsidies from chemical fertilizers to support ecological fertilization under the 12th Five Year Plan. However, the Department of Fertilizers has been encouraging the fertilizer companies covered under the subsidy regime to promote the usages of organic and compost fertilizers to support ecological/balanced fertilization.

(e): To ensure quality, 4 organic fertilizers and 7 biofertilizers have been incorporated in the Fertilizer (Control) Order 1985. Notified laboratories under FCO Provision are monitoring the quality of these fertilizers.