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PROPOSALS UNDER NPOF
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received a number of proposals under the National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details and the current status thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised under the project during the said period;
- (d) whether the Government is planning to provide subsidy on organic fertilisers on the lines of subsidies being given on nonorganic fertilisers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b) Under, present guidelines of National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) scheme, there is no system of sanctioning fund to States and other implementing agencies. However, Under Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme, proposals from beneficiaries are received by scheduled bank and subsidy is released through NABARD.

(c) The details of funds under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) scheme is Annexed.

(d) & (e) NPOF scheme provides financial assistance through capital investment subsidy for agro-waste compost production units, bio-fertilizers/bio-pesticides production units. Assistance upto 25% and 33% of financial outlay upto a ceiling of Rs.40 lakhs and 60 lakhs respectively is provided as back ended subsidy for establishment of bio pesticides/bio fertilizers production units and agro waste compost production units respectively.

Department of Fertilisers provides subsidy only on chemical fertilisers under different subsidy scheme/policy. At present, there is no proposal under consideration in the Department of Fertilisers to provide subsidy on organic fertilisers.