

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CHEMICAL FREE FERTILISERS TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide chemical free fertilisers to all the farmers across the country in order to stop the growing use of chemical fertilisers, toxic chemicals and pesticides in agriculture; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government is already promoting to use chemical free fertilisers like Biofertilisers and organic manures to farmers in the country through various schemes like National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPMSHF) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

Under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) scheme financial assistance is being provided 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 is provided as back ended subsidy for establishment of Biopesticides/Biofertilizers production units and agro waste compost production units respectively; National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) also provide financial assistance for adoption of organic farming @ Rs.10,000/- per hectare for maximum area of 4 hectare per beneficiary and for setting up of vermi-compost units @ 50% of the cost, subject to a maximum of Rs. 30,000/- per beneficiary, and for organic farming certification @ Rs.5.00 lakh for a group of farmers covering an area of 50 hectares; National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPMSHF), financial assistance is provided @ Rs. 500 per ha for promoting use of organic manures ; Assistance for promotion of organic farming on different components are also available under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) for projects formulated and approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee.