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LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY ON ORGANIC FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing subsidy to farmers for using organic fertilizers;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to promote the usage of organic fertilizers by providing direct subsidy and separate MSPs thereon; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Under National Project on Management of Soil Health and Fertility (NPMSH&F) financial assistance of Rs. 500 per hectare is provided to promote use of organic manure. The financial assistance is provided on the basis of project proposals received from States. Under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) scheme there is no provision for direct subsidy to the farmers.

(c) & (d): In addition to above, under National Project on Organic Farming scheme, assistance upto 25% and 33% of financial outlay upto a ceiling of Rs. 40 lakhs and Rs. 60 lakhs respectively is provided as back ended subsidy through NABARD for establishment of bio-pesticides/bio-fertilizers production units and agro waste compost production units respectively. There is no MSPs on Organic Inputs under the scheme.

Besides, under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH), financial assistance is provided for setting up vermi-compost production units @ 50% of the cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 30,000/- per beneficiary.