

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUBSIDY ON BIO FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy on bio-fertilizers to promote organic agriculture in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Under National Project on Organic Farming scheme, assistance upto 25% financial outlay upto a ceiling of Rs.40 lakhs is provided as back ended subsidy through NABARD for establishment of bio-fertilizers production units. Under Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), assistance is provided for different types of components including supply of Rhizobium culture/Phosphate Solubilizing Bacteria, Azotobacter, Azospirillum culture @50% cost of culture of Rs.100/- per hectare whichever is less.

Under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) on Pulses, including Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P), assistance for popularizing Rhizobium culture/ Phosphate Solubilising bacteria culture are provided to the farmers under cluster demonstrations. Similarly, under Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion (INSIMP) Programme, PSB/Azotobacter culture are provided to the farmers as the part of input for technology demonstration at 100% assistance.

(c): Does not arise.