

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FERTILIZERS FROM WASTE AND DUNG

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to make fertilizers from waste and dung and provide the same on subsidy to the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is implementing any scheme to promote organic farming amongst the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): 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.

In addition, Ministry of Agriculture Government of India is implementing a scheme to promote organic farming among the farmers under National Project on Organic Farming. Under this scheme an 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. 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.

Besides, ICAR under Network Project on Organic Farming with lead centre at Project Directorate for Farming Systems Research, Modipuram is developing package of practices of different crops and cropping system under organic farming in different agro-ecological regions of the country. Presently, the project is running at 13 co-operating centres including State Agricultural Universities(SAUs) spread over 12 states. ICAR institutes including State Agricultural Universities impart training and organise Front Line Demonstration (FLD) to educate farmers on aspects related to organic farming.