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JUDICIOUS USE OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether agricultural universities in many States including Telangana are conducting campaigns to create awareness among the farmers about the judicious use of fertilizers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the response received by the Government so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): The All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Soil Test Crop Response (STCR) through its coordinated centres located in various State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) is conducting training and Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) to create awareness among the farmers about the judicious use of fertilizers. Similarly, AICRP – Micro, Secondary and Pollutant Elements (MSN) is working in 15 SAUs including Telangana on promotion of judicious use of micronutrient fertilizer along with NPK.

Under Tribal Sub Plan also, AICRP (STCR) is demonstrating through FLDs and sensitizing through capacity building programmes of tribal farmers about the judicious use of fertilisers on the basis of soil test based fertilizer and manure recommendations for getting higher return of applied nutrients through the fertilizers and manures application based on targeted yield approach. Regarding Telangana the same is being administered through Acharya NG Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU) centre of AICRP (STCR). Training programmes are also organised by AICRP (STCR) in collaboration with State Agriculture Department, Government of Telangana on various issues such as GPS & GIS based soil fertility mapping as well as STCR based fertiliser recommendations and judicious use of fertiliser. The awareness is also created through on-farm demonstration, farmers fair and field days.