

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Setting up of Vermicompost Plants
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide cent per cent grant to the farmers to set up vermicompost plants in the country with a view to enhance the soil fertility and to promote the use of organic fertilizers; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these grants are likely to be sanctioned and released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a) & (b): Under Soil Health Management of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture, Financial assistance is being provided @ 50% of cost subject of a limit of Rs.5000/ha. and Rs.10,000 per beneficiary for promotion of Organic Inputs including Vermi-compost on farmer's field.

Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) assistance is provided for establishing vermi compost units @50% of cost subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/- per beneficiary for a unit having size of 30' x 8' x 2.5'. For smaller units, assistance is determined on pro-rata basis. For HDPE Vermi bed of 96 cft. size (12'x4'x2'), the assistance is @50% of cost subject to a maximum of Rs.8,000/- per bed.

Under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana is being implemented w.e.f. 2015-16 in cluster of 50 acres of land, where in financial assistance is being provided to cluster members @ Rs.5000/- per unit for procurement of earth worms, preparation of pits, construction of brick wall, labour charges and other raw materials required for construction of vermi-composting units.
