

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
LOK SABHA**

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INTRODUCING PROM TECHNOLOGY  
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**Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal to introduce Phosphate Rich Organic Manure (PROM) technology for farming;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the PROM technology will enable to reduce the subsidy burden on fertilizer ;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

- (a) & (b): Phosphate Rich Organic Manure (PROM) has been included in the Fertilizer Control Order, 1985 w.e.f. 22.06.2012. F248
- (c) & (d): At present a few companies produce PROM and the sector is not fully organised. Even the process of production of PROM by different companies is different and State Agriculture Departments are not fully equipped to ensure the quality of the product. Further, the usefulness of the product and field trials on the product need further validation. The farmers are also not much aware of the usefulness of the product.

In view of the above the Department has requested the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation to issue an advisory note to State Agriculture Directorates to disseminate the agronomical benefits of PROM amongst the farmers.

Presently PROM is not included in the Subsidy Regime.