

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1071 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2021

Promotion of Alternative Fertilizers

1071 SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to liberalise the Market Development Assistance (MDA) policy to promote use of alternative fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said policy would be able to address the demand and ensure the availability of fertilizer to farmers in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government intends to continue with its current policy which provides MDA of Rs. 1,500 per tonne in the form of subsidy for scaling up production and consumption of city compost made out from city waste; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI MANSUKH LAL MANDAVIYA)

(a) : There is no such proposal in the Department.

(b) to (d): The question does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

(e) & (f): The Government had approved the policy on promotion of city compost which had been notified by the Department of Fertilizers on 10.02.2016 wherein Market Development Assistance (MDA) of Rs. 1500/- M.T. was provided for scaling up production and consumption of city compost. However, the scheme of Market Development Assistance for scaling up production and consumption of city compost has been discontinued after 30th September, 2021 based on the review of the MDA Policy and recommendations of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) in its meeting dated 2nd August, 2021.
