

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1777 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 19.12.2023

Drones in the fertilizer sector

**1777: SMT. KANTA KARDAM:
SHRI NARHARI AMIN:**

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to procure 500 drones for spraying bottled liquid nano-urea and di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) in the farmlands and train the youth to operate them, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has signed any agreement with the drone manufacturing companies for this and if so, the details thereof and by when the procurement is likely to be completed; and
- (c) the details of the expected benefits to farmers from the use of drone technology?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (c): Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the Central Sector Scheme "Prime Minister – Mahila Kisan Drone Kendra" with an objective to provide 15000 drones to women Self Help Groups (SHGs) during the period 2023-24 to 2025-26. Under the said scheme, fertilizer companies are providing 500 drones to Women SHGs to ensure increased application of nano fertilizers, agrochemicals, etc. through drones.
