

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 995 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 12.12.2023

PM -PRANAM Yojana

995: SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government till date to implement the PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth (PRANAM);
- (b) whether Government is providing any logistical support to the States in generating awareness to reduce the use of fertilizers using alternatives and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether Government is planning to provide any capacity building programs for farmers to promote the use of balanced chemicals and alternative fertilizers, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (c): The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 28th June, 2023 has approved the "PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM)". The initiative aims to complement the efforts initiated by States/UTs to save the health of Mother Earth by promoting sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers, adopting alternate fertilizers, promoting organic farming and implementing resource conservation technologies. The PM-PRANAM scheme is operational for a period of three years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26).

Under the said scheme, 50% of the fertilizer subsidy saved by a State/UT in a particular financial year by way of reduction in consumption of chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, NPK, MOP) compared to previous 3 years' average consumption, will be passed on to that State/UT as Grant. Guidelines of PM PRANAM have been circulated to the States, against which tentative action plan from States/UTs have been received. Further, regular meetings are undertaken with the States/UTs for promotion of balanced use of fertilizers, use of alternate fertilizer like nano/bio/organic fertilizers etc.

For reducing the use of chemical fertilizers in agriculture, Government of India (GoI) is also promoting the balanced and judicious use of fertilizers based on soil test based recommendations in conjunction with organic fertilizer and bio-fertilizers. Further, under organic schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Namami Gange, Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP), Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North- Eastern Region (MOVCDNER), National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) etc., farmers are provided assistance for use of organic and bio-fertilizers. Further, National Centre for Organic Farming (NCOF) is involved in awareness generation & training activities for promotion of organic farming.
