

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1793 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 19.12.2023

Promotion of alternative fertilizers

1793: SHRI KAILASH SONI:

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

- (a) whether Government has launched the PM-Pranam scheme to promote alternative fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the scheme is likely to help in reducing the consumption of chemical fertilizers; and
- (d) whether the States/UT would be made part of this scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (d): 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). 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.
