

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Reduction in subsidy on fertilizers

982: SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

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

- (a) whether Government concurs with the view that the fertilizer subsidy must be cut to fifty per cent, especially for nitrogenous and phosphate fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details of the initiatives proposed to be taken by Government, keeping in mind that this should be supplemented by providing more incentives for the production and application of biological fertilizers which are currently less competitive due to subsidies; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): It has been the endeavour of the Government to ensure availability of fertilizers to the farmers at affordable prices. Judicious use of fertilizers including bio/organic fertilizers along with chemical fertilizers in balanced way is always advocated for increasing production and productivity.

(b): The initiative PM-PRANAM 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.

(c): Government has been implementing several programmes for promotion of organic & bio fertilizers. PM-PRANAM envisages use of alternate fertilizers including bio/organic and excess use of chemical fertilizers for maintaining soil health. In addition, production and use of organic, bio fertilizers has been promoted under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, natural farming etc. Soil health card programme promotes soil test based balanced use of fertilizers including organic and bio fertilizers.
