

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1951
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23/12/2022

RISING PRICE OF FERTILIZERS

1951. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) Government expenditure on fertilizers for the year 2022-23;
- (b) whether steps are being taken to solve the rising price of chemical fertilizers, including substitution with organic fertilizers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the One Nation One Fertilizer Policy has helped with minimizing cost of fertilizers as promised; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Government expenditure on fertilizers under various subsidy schemes for the year 2022-23 upto 16.12.2022 is Rupees 1,63,973.74 Crore.

(b) & (c): Government of India (GoI) is promoting the balanced and judicious use of fertilizers based on soil test based recommendations in conjunction with organic fertilizers and bio-fertilizers. The GoI is implementing Soil Health Card Scheme which besides providing soil fertility status (Soil test based information on nutrient status) along with recommendations on appropriate dosages of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health and fertility.

To promote use of organic and bio- fertilizer, Government is implementing Paramparagt Krishi Vikash Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North eastern Region (MOVCDNER) Scheme since 2015-16. Under PKVY Rupees 31,000 / ha/ 3 years is provided to the farmers directly through DBT, for inputs (bio-fertilizers, bio-pesticides, vermin-compost, botanical extracts etc). Whereas, under MOVCDNER assistance of Rupees 32500 /ha/ 3 years for both on-farm & off-farm organic inputs including organic and bio-fertilizers.

Further, for promotion of organic and bio-fertilizers, Department of Fertilizers vide its letter dated 27.5.2022 have requested all fertilizer marketing companies to arrange for mandatory off-take of Fermented Organic Manure (FOM) and other organic & bio-fertilizers with chemical fertilizers as a “Basket Approach” to ensure balanced and Integrated Nutrient Management for the crops.

(d) & (e): Government of India, vide notification dated 24th August, 2022, has decided to implement One Nation One Fertilizers by introducing Single Brand for Fertilizers and Logo under Fertilizer subsidy scheme namely “Pradhanmantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojna” (PMBJP). The objective of the scheme is to increase the availability basket of fertilizers, take care of dilemma among farmers in choosing from plethora of brands available in the markets, to reduce the crisscross movement and further ensure timely supply of fertilizers.
