GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 965 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10/02/2023

INCREASING PRODUCTION OF ORGANIC FERTILIZERS

965. SHRI VIJAY PAL SINGH TOMAR: SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) whether Government has formulated any action plan during the last three years to increase the production of organic fertilizers and to encourage the farmers to use them; and

(b) if so, the framework of this action plan and the amount of financial expenditure sanctioned by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (b): Government is implementing dedicated schemes for promotion of organic farming in the country viz. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region (MOVCDNER) since 2015-16. Under these schemes, farmers are primarily encouraged to take up organic cultivation using organic inputs including organic fertilizers and the schemes provide end to end support to farmers i.e. from production to marketing of organic produce. Hands-on training to farmers about on-farm production of organic fertilizers and its use are integral part of these schemes. Farmers are provided a subsidy of Rs 31000/ ha / 3 years under PKVY and 32500/ ha/ 3 years under MOVCDNER for various organic inputs. An amount of Rs 667.34 crores has been earmarked for promotion of organic farming for the year 2022-23.
