

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1301 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 01.08.2023

PM PRANAM Scheme

1301: SHRI BRIJLAL:

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

- (a) whether Government has launched any scheme called 'PM PRANAM';
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the salient features of the said scheme;
- (c) whether any initiative has been taken by the National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms (NBAIM) in this regard and if so, the details thereof ;
and
- (d) the manner in which the farmers, especially from Uttar Pradesh, would be benefited by this scheme?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): Yes, Sir. 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 support the mass movement started 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.

Under the said scheme, it is proposed that 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. The PM-PRANAM scheme is being implemented for a period of three years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26).

- (c) PM-PRANAM envisages use of alternate fertilizers including bio-fertilizers for reduction in over-use of chemical fertilizers. NBAIM is involved in conserving beneficial microorganisms and has been maintaining & supplying mother cultures of Rhizobium, Azotobacter, Phosphate solubilizing bacteria, which are bio-fertilizers.
- (d) All states/UTs including Uttar Pradesh, are eligible under PM-PRANAM.
