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New Schemes for farmers

2104: DR. ANIL JAIN:

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

- (a) the total cost of the new schemes for the farmers as approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs;
- (b) the amount being spent on urea subsidy;
- (c) the date on which PM-PRANAM scheme was launched and the number of farmers that have been benefited by this; and
- (d) the details of funds that have been spent to promote the organic fertilizers from Gobardhan plants?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) & (b): The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 28th June, 2023 approved a unique package of innovative schemes for farmers with a total outlay of Rs. 3,70,128.54 crore.

The package includes the Continuation of the existing urea subsidy scheme upto 31st March, 2025 (FY 2022-23 to 2024-25) at a total estimated outlay of Rs 3,68,676.70 crore (the actual expenditure may vary based on the prices of natural gas and other inputs used for the production of Urea).

(c): 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, 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.

(d): The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 28th June, 2023 has approved the Market Development Assistance (MDA) @ Rs. 1500/MT to promote organic fertilizers, i.e., manure produced at plants under GOBARdhan initiative covering different Biogas/CBG support schemes/programmes of stakeholder Ministries/Departments such as Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) scheme of MoPNG, 'Waste to Energy' programme of MNRE, Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) of DDWS, etc. with total outlay of Rs. 1451.84 Crore (FY 2023-24 to 2025-26), which includes a corpus of Rs. 360 Crore for research gap funding, etc.

No fund has so far been spent under the recently approved Market Development Assistance (MDA).
