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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 186 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 05.12.2023

Role of PM PRANAM scheme

186: SHRI RAVICHANDRA VADDIRAJU:

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

- (a) whether Government has approved/implemented the Pradhan Mantri Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Generation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth scheme, to promote use of nutrient-based bio fertilizers for sustainable agriculture, if so, the details thereof and present status thereof; and
- (b) whether the scheme is aimed at saving the soil and promoting sustainable balanced use of fertilizers, and involved the participation of State Governments, if so, the details thereof and present status thereof, State-wise along with funds sanctioned/spent therefor till now?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) & (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 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. The PM-PRANAM scheme is operational for a period of three years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26).

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. Guidelines of PM PRANAM have been circulated to the States, against which tentative action plan from States/UTs have been received. Further, regular meetings are undertaken with the States/UTs for promotion of balanced use of fertilizers, use of alternate fertilizer like nano/bio/organic fertilizers etc.

There is no separate budget for PM-PRANAM scheme. However, savings in subsidy on account of reduced fertilizer consumption will be passed on to the states/UTs through existing fertilizer subsidy scheme as per guidelines. Further, the scheme has been made operational from current Financial Year (FY) 2023-24. Savings for the current FY 2023-24 can only be computed after the end of current FY 2023-24.
