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Production and use of organic fertilizers in the country

344. MS. SAROJ PANDEY:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any action plan to promote the production and use of organic fertilizers in the country; and
- (b) if so, the nature of this action plan and the details of the financial allocation made by Government for it?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) & (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 encouraged to take up organic cultivation using organic inputs 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 Rs. 32500/ha/3 years under MOVCDNER for various organic inputs. An amount of Rs. 684.84 Crores has been earmarked for promotion of organic farming for the year 2023-24.

The Government 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 stakeholders Ministries/Departments at the 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.
