

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

RAJYA SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 76* TO BE ANSWERED ON: 03.12.2024

PM-PRANAM Scheme

***76:** SHRI MADAN RATHORE:

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

- (a) whether the PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM) scheme promotes the sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers by adopting alternative fertilizers and promoting natural and organic farming; and
- (b) whether use of natural fertilizers helps in promoting crop production without affecting the quality of soil?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO PART (A) & (B) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 76* FOR ANSWERING ON 03.12.2024 REGARDING “PM-PRANAM SCHEME” TABLED BY SHRI MADAN RATHORE.

(a): Yes. It is a fact that the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), on June 28, 2023, approved the “PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM).” This initiative aims to support the mass movement initiated by States and Union Territories (UTs) to preserve the health of Mother Earth through the promotion of sustainable and balanced fertilizer use, adoption of alternative fertilizers, promotion of organic farming, and implementation of resource conservation technologies.

The incentives to States/UTs for reduction of consumption of chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, NPK, MOP) in a given financial year, compared to the average consumption over the previous three years, under the Scheme will be equivalent to 50% of the fertilizer subsidy saved by the State. The incentives can be utilized on promotional activities (IEC) & R&D relating to agricultural infrastructure and increase in the yield. The remaining 50% of the subsidy will be retained by Govt. of India.

(b): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) promotes the sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers, by recommending soil test based integrated nutrient management through conjunctive use of both inorganic and organic sources. ICAR develops both processes as well as products in order to promote the use of bio-fertilizers / bio-enriched organic manures.
