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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1472**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 01/08/2025

**MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE USE OF ALTERNATIVE FERTILISERS**

1472. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is taking measures to encourage the use of alternative fertilisers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the progress made in this respect;
- (d) whether Government intends to provide subsidies on such organic and biofertilizers to promote the same; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (e): The Government of India has notified alternative fertilizers namely, Organic Fertilisers, Bio-fertilisers, De-oiled cake, Organic Carbon Enhancer and Nano fertiliser in The Fertiliser Control Order, 1985 to ensure supply and quality of such fertilisers.

Organic farming is promoted through Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) in all the States/UTs except North Eastern States and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) for the North Eastern States. Under PKVY assistance of Rs. 31,500 per hectare in 3 years is provided for promotion of organic farming. Out of this, assistance of Rs. 15,000 per ha is provided to farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer for on-farm /off –farm organic inputs including organic compost. Under MOVCDNER, assistance of Rs. 46,500 per hectare in 3 years is provided for creation of Farmers Producer Organization, support to farmers for organic inputs etc. Out of this, assistance @ Rs. 32500 per hectare is provided to farmers for off -farm /on –farm organic inputs under the scheme including Rs. 15,000 as Direct Benefit Transfer to the farmers.

Government is implementing Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme under which assistance @ Rs. 1500/Metric Tonne is provided to Compressed Bio Gas plants/Fertilizer Marketing Companies for promotion of soil carbon enhancers, viz., Fermented Organic Manure (FOM)/Liquid Fermented Organic Manure (LFOM) and organic fertilizer, viz., Phosphate Rich Organic Manure (PROM) produced at plants under Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARdhan) initiative. As on 23.07.2025, Rs. 54 crore MDA has been released for period 2023-24 to 2025-26. The Government is implementing the “PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM)” to support the mass movement initiated by States and Union Territories (UTs) on balanced fertilizer use, adoption of alternative fertilizers, promotion of organic farming, and implementation of resource conservation technologies. Under the scheme, 50% of the fertilizer subsidy saved by a State/UT in a particular financial year by way of reduction in consumption of chemical fertilisers compared to previous 3 years’ average consumption, is to be passed on to that State/UT as grant.

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