GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Promotion of biofertilizers in Nagaland

2903. SMT. S. PHANGNON KONYAK:

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

- (a) the efforts to promote biofertilizers in Nagaland; and
- (b) the incentives provided to farmers of Nagaland in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b) The Government of India, in collaboration with the Nagaland State Government, is actively promoting the use of biofertilizers to encourage organic and sustainable farming practices in the state. This is part of a broader national push to reduce reliance on chemical fertilizers and improve soil health.

Organic farming is being promoted through Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) for the North Eastern States. The scheme stresses on end-to-end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification and marketing. Primary focus of the scheme is to form organic clusters, with preference to small and marginal farmers, to create a supply chain. The scheme is implemented through State Governments. Under MOVCDNER, assistance of Rs. 46,500/ha in 3 years is provided for creation of Farmers Producer Organization, support to farmers for organic inputs etc. Out of this, assistance @ Rs. 32500/ ha 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.

The National Centre for Organic and Natural Farming (NCONF) and its Regional Center (RCONF) at Imphal organize training and awareness campaigns. Training programs and workshops are regularly organized for farmers, extension officers, and other stakeholders to educate them on the benefits and proper use of biofertilizers. Organizations like the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) conduct demonstrations on topics such as seed treatment with biofertilizers.

Details of funds allocation and released during the year from 2020-21 to 2024-25 to Nagaland under Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCDNER) is as follows:

(Amount in Rs. Lakh)

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YEAR	Allocation	Released
2020-21	2,837.80	2,258.89
2021-22	2,781.18	2,114.20
2022-23	1,961.01	1,390.60
2023-24	2,346.10	2,346.10
2024-25	4,250.00	2,798.00
