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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1249
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH DECEMBER, 2018

USAGE OF BIO-FERTILIZERS

1249. DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the usage of Bio-fertilizers has increased in the country during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the outcome with regard to the improvement in the health conditions of people owing to it;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take any action to minimise the use of chemical fertilizers in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): The production and usage of carrier based bio-fertilisers has increased from 80696.5 MT in 2014-15 to 121066.5 MT in 2017-18 which is an increase of 50%. Similarly, production and usage of liquid based bio-fertilisers has increased from 4054.5MT in 2014-15 to 9033 MT in 2017-18 which is an increase of 122.79 %. Bio-fertilisers are eco-friendly and help in improving the soil fertility.

(d) to (f): Government has been promoting Soil test based judicious use of fertilizers through Soil Health Card Scheme.

Dedicated schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region (MOVCDNER) have been implemented to promote chemical free organic farming in the country.

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An assistance of Rs. 50,000/ha over a period of three years is provided to the farmers under PKVY; out of which 62% i.e., Rs. 31,000 is provided for organic conversion, organic inputs, on-farm input infrastructure.

An amount of Rs. 3750/ha over a period of three years is provided to farmers for on-farm and off-farm inputs each under (MOVCDNER).

Under National Mission of Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) assistance is provided to States and individual/private agencies for setting up of biofertiliser/biopesticide units through NABARD. States are given 100% financial assistance up to maximum limit of Rs. 1.6 crore/unit. Similarly, individuals/private agencies are eligible for assistance up to 25% total financial outlay(or) Rs. 40 lakhs whichever is less.
