GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UN STARRED QUESTION NO. 1458 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 10.02.2023

Promotion of cow-dung manure

1458. SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:

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

- (a) the efforts made by the Government to promote cow dung manure in place of chemical fertilizers in the country; and
- (b) the percentage of farmers using cow dung manure at present?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

In order to reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers and to promote usage of organic fertilizers, cow dung manures and other on farm and off farm organic inputs, 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 for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) since 2015-16. PKVY is being implemented in all the States across the country other than North-Eastern (NE) States. MOVCDNER scheme is implemented exclusively in the NE States. Under these schemes, farmers are primarily encouraged to take up organic cultivation using various organic fertilizers, cow dung manure and other 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 manure 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. Total of 18.08 Lakh farmers adopted organic farming under PKVY and MOVCDNER schemes.

Fertilizers companies are also directed to promote organic/bio-fertilizers to ensure balanced nutrition to the crops.
