# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS LOK SABHA

#### UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1015 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 08.12.2023

#### PM- PRANAM

### 1015: SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

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

- (a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to promote PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM);
- (b) the details of budgetary outlay and expenditure for the scheme, since its inception; and
- (c) the details of subsidies disbursed to States across the country under the said scheme so far, State-wise?

#### **ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

- (a): The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 28th June, 2023 has approved the "PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM)". The initiative aims to complement the efforts initiated by States/UTs to save the health of Mother Earth by promoting sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers, adopting alternate fertilizers, promoting organic farming and implementing resource conservation technologies. The PM-PRANAM scheme is operational for a period of three years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26). Guidelines of PM PRANAM have been circulated to the States, against which tentative action plan from States/UTs have been received. Further, regular meetings are undertaken with the States/UTs for promotion of balanced use of fertilizers, use of alternate fertilizer like nano/bio/organic fertilizers etc. Further, promotion of PM-PRANAM scheme has been included as one of the activity under the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) which was launched on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2023. Department of Fertilizers is also promoting the scheme through different platforms.
- (b) & (c): There is no separate budget for PM-PRANAM scheme. However, savings in subsidy on account of reduced fertilizer consumption will be passed on to the States/UTs for taking up State specific programmes. Further, the scheme has been made operational from current Financial Year (FY) 2023-24. Savings for the current FY 2023-24 can only be computed after the end of current FY 2023-24.

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