GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2145 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 15.12.2023

Scheme for Fertilizers

2145: SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

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

(a) whether it is true that the Government has announced Rs. 3.7 lakh crores scheme for fertilizers in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the said scheme is exclusive of the subsidy that the Government provides on fertilizers in the country; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 28th June 2023 approved for the Continuation of the existing Urea Subsidy Scheme upto 31st March, 2025 (FY 2022-23 to 2024-25) and introduction of following additional components for 3 years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26):

(i) 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.

(ii) Market Development Assistance (MDA): This component has been introduced to promote Organic Fertilizers. Support under MDA @₹1,500/MT will be given only for the manure produced at plants under umbrella GOBARdhan initiative covering different Biogas/CBG support schemes/programmes of stakeholder Ministries/Departments such as Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) scheme of M/o P&NG, ‘Waste to Energy’ programme of MNRE, Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) of DDWS, etc.
(iii) Launching of Sulphur Coated Urea with the name of ‘Urea Gold’.

(c) & (d): The scheme is continuation of the existing Urea Subsidy Scheme upto 31st March, 2025 (Financial Year 2022-23 to 2024-25) and introduction of 3 additional components for 3 years (FY 2023-24 to 2025-26) that is PM-PRANAM, Market Development Assistance and Sulphur Coated Urea as detailed out in (a) & (b) above.

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