# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

# **LOK SABHA**

#### 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 approved for the Continuation of the existing Urea Subsidy Scheme upto 31<sup>st</sup> 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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