

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1189 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 09.02.2024

Sustainable Use of Fertilizers

**1189: SHRI C.R. PATIL :
SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI :
SHRI ANURAG SHARMA :**

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

- (a) whether the PM-PRANAM scheme is aimed at promoting sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers and promoting organic farming in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount of fertilizer subsidy saved by way of reduction in consumption of chemical fertilizer in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the target set by the Government and the time-frame by which this target is likely to be achieved for reduction in consumption of chemical fertilizers in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (d): The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the "PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM)" on 28th June, 2023. 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 & natural farming etc.

Under the said scheme, 50% of the fertilizer subsidy saved by a State/UT in a particular financial year by way of reduction in consumption of chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, NPK, MOP) compared to previous 3 years' average consumption, will be passed on to that State/UT as Grant. States/UTs can utilize this grant for the benefit of people in the state, including farmers.

The scheme has been made operational from current Financial Year (FY) 2023-24 and the savings by the states, if any, are to be computed and passed on to the states after the end of FY 2023-24.
