

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 177 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 02.02. 2024

Budget Outlay for Fertilizers

177: SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

- (a) the details of Budget outlay for Fertilizers in the country during the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for balanced and integrated use of inorganic and organic fertilizers to maintain good soil health that results in increase in production in the country;
- (c) whether the Government provides financial assistance to States/UTs for training of farmers, demonstrations on farmer's fields and organising farmer melas about the balanced use of fertilizers in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The details of budget outlay for Fertilizers in the country during the last three years (FY 2021-22 to 2023-24) is as follows:

Year	Amount (in Crores)
2021-22	162072.1
2022-23	254798.9
2023-24	201121

(b): 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. 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. Also, promotion of PM-PRANAM scheme has been included as one of the activities under the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY) which was launched on 15th November, 2023. Department of Fertilizers is also promoting the scheme through different platforms.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is also recommending soil test based balanced and integrated nutrient management through conjunctive use of both inorganic and organic sources (manure, bio-fertilizers, green manuring, in-situ crop residue recycling etc.) of plant nutrients with 4R approach i.e., right quantity, right time, right mode and right type of fertilizer for judicious use of chemical fertilizers and to reduce use of chemical fertilizers.

(c) & (d): Government is implementing the Soil Health & Fertility of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in the country including Ladakh. Under the scheme, since, 2014-15, so far 23.74 crore soil health cards have been issued and also providing financial assistance to States/UTs for training of farmers, demonstrations on farmer's fields and organizing farmers mela about the balanced use of fertilizers in the country. Based on the recommendations on Soil Health Card (SHC), the trainings & demonstrations are conducted to create the awareness among the farmers for adopting the recommendations on judicious use of chemical fertilizers including secondary and micronutrients in conjunction with organic manures & bio-fertilizers. So far, 93781 farmer's trainings, 6.45 lakh demonstrations, 7425 farmer's melas/campaigns on soil health card recommendations have been organized across the country.
