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IMPACT OF ORGANIC FOODS ON FERTILIZER INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the use of fertilizers in sample food cultivation;
- (b) whether it has increased or decreased due to wide spread fear of fertilizer usage;
- (c) whether the spread of organic food has impacted the fertilizer industry, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken an official view on the craze of organic foods and their utility?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government of India has been promoting balanced and judicious use of fertiliser in conjunction with organic fertiliser, bio fertiliser on soil test based recommendations. All India Consumption of major fertilizers namely Urea, DAP, MOP, Complexes and SSP, during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 was 536.11 LMT, 543.83 LMT and 562.09 LMT respectively. The consumption of fertilizer depends on many factors namely, fertility of soil, availability of moisture in soil. Further, overall area under organic farming in the country in comparison to the gross cropped area is very less hence would not impact the chemical fertiliser industry though requirement of bio fertiliser would grow.

(d): The demand of organic food is growing due to being chemical free and hence more safe. In order to encourage the use of organic/ bio fertilisers, Government of India has been promoting organic farming under two dedicated schemes namely Mission Organic Value Chain Development North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) and Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) since 2015 through State Governments.
