

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UN STARRED QUESTION NO. 257 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 15.09.2020

City Compost

257 SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) whether Government's efforts to produce and promote compost from city garbage has yielded desired results;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether fertilizer companies and marketing entities are actively involved in producing and promoting compost from city garbage; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (d) - The Government is encouraging Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to manage municipal solid waste in scientific manner including processing waste -to-compost and other process. The Government has introduced a policy on promotion of City Compost wherein a Market Development Assistance (MDA) of Rs. 1500/- MT in the form of subsidy has been provided for scaling up production and consumption of city compost made out from city waste. Initially, marketing and promotion of city compost was done through the existing fertilizer marketing companies. Subsequently to increase the volume of sale and to make compost available at affordable prices to farmers, compost manufacturers willing to market city compost were allowed for sale compost in bulk directly to farmers and claim MDA. The fertilizers companies have adopted 498 villages for promoting use of city compost. With the concerted efforts of the Government as well as fertilizer marketing companies/marketing entities, the production and sale of city compost has increased consistently over the years. The exact year-wise production and sales position for the last four years is as under:

(in MT)

Year	Production of city compost	Sale by marketing companies	Bulk Sale by manufacturing companies	Total sale
2016-17	196999.32	96584.00	-	96584.00
2017-18	338701.38	123569.87	75492.04	199061.91
2018-19	363261.24	195551.48	111078.99	306630.47
2019-20	327790.58	215725.88	108872.57	324598.45
