

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.400
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

BIO-FERTILIZER

400. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is likely to force a farmer to buy bio-fertilizer for each bag of urea to support organic nutrients and reduce the use of artificial fertilizers; and
- (b) whether the Government plans to encourage the technique of drip fertilization in which the drip system mixes fertilizer into irrigation water, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): So far no such proposal is under consideration. Government of India has been promoting Integrated Nutrient Management i.e. balanced use of chemical, bio and organic fertilisers as per soil health based General Fertiliser Recommendations.

(b): Government has been implementing Per Drop More Crop component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-PDMC) since 2015-16 which focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level by assisting Micro adoption of Irrigation viz. Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation System. Use of water soluble and liquid fertiliser along with micro irrigation i.e. Fertigation is promoted for reducing cost of inputs and increasing productivity by way of general specifications of 6 water soluble complex fertilisers are also incorporated in Fertiliser Control order (FCO) to promote fertigation.

In order to promote drip irrigation/fertigation, Indian Council of Agricultural Research(ICAR) has developed fertigation schedule for different crops and imparts training, organizes field demonstrations to educate farmers in this regard. Demonstrations have also been set up in Krishi Vigyan Kendras.
