

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UN STARRED QUESTION NO. 2115 TO BE ANSWERED ON : 29.07.2022

Promotion of Organic Fertilizers

2115. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide any subsidy to promote the use of organic fertilizers on the lines of subsidy provided for chemical fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be given;
- (c) whether the excess use of chemical fertilizers has led to increase in diseases; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken by the Government to check the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) & (b): At present there is no proposal to provide subsidy to promote the use of organic fertilizers on the lines of chemical fertilizers. However, Government has been implementing Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) schemes to promote organic farming since 2015-16. PKVY is implemented in all the States and Union Territories across the country to promote organic farming in cluster mode. Under the scheme farmers are provided financial assistance of Rs 50000/ha for 3 years in which, Rs 31000/ ha / 3 years is provided directly to farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for organic inputs such as seeds, bio fertilizers, bio-pesticides, organic manure, compost/vermi-compost, botanical extracts etc. Under MOVCDNER scheme, assistance is provided @ Rs. 32500/ha/3 years to farmers for procurement /on farm production organic inputs including organic fertilizers.

(c) & (d): As such, there is no harmful effect of chemical fertilizers on soil health with balanced and judicious use. Soil test based Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) through conjunctive use of both inorganic and organic sources (manure, biofertilizers etc) is recommended by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to improve soil health. ICAR imparts training, organises Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) to educate farmers on all these aspects.
