

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 170\* TO BE ANSWERED ON: 06.12.2024**

**Balanced Utilisation of Fertilizers**

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SHRI RAVINDRA DATTARAM WAIKAR:**

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

- (a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to promote balanced utilization of the fertilizers among the farmers since 2019;
- (b) the details of funds allocated for the subsidies on fertilizers to farmers in the country since Financial Year 2023-24 and 2024-25, state- wise;
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries from the aforementioned subsidies; and
- (d) Whether the Government is considering to build a platform to streamline/channelize the sale of fertilizers in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

**(SHR JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)**

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(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 170\* FOR 06.12.2024 REGARDING- ' BALANCED UTILISATION OF FERTILIZERS'.**

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(a): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) promotes the sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers, by recommending soil test based integrated nutrient management through conjunctive use of both inorganic and organic sources. ICAR develops both processes as well as products in order to promote the use of biofertilizers/bio-enriched organic manures.

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), on June 28, 2023, approved the "PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM)." This initiative aims to support the mass movement initiated by States and Union Territories (UTs) to preserve the health of Mother Earth through the promotion of sustainable and balanced fertilizer use, adoption of alternative fertilizers, promotion of organic farming, and implementation of resource conservation technologies.

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 has approved the Market Development Assistance (MDA) @Rs.1500/MT to promote organic fertilizers, with total outlay of Rs. 1451.84 Crore (FY 2023-24 to 2025-26), which includes a corpus of Rs. 360 Crore for research gap funding, etc.

(b): The Government provides subsidy to ensure adequate availability of fertilizers at affordable prices to the farmers. 100% subsidy on various fertilizer grades is released on actual sales to the beneficiaries based on Aadhar authentication through PoS devices. The subsidy provided for fertilizers in the years 2023-24 and 2024-25 (as on 30.11.2024) are Rs.1,95,420.51 and Rs.1,19,628.49 respectively.

(c): During financial years 2023-24 and 2024-25, 6,38,92,286 and 4,91,56,960 farmers respectively, have been benefitted by the fertilizer subsidy schemes of D/o. Fertilizers.

(d): The following steps are taken by the Government every season for ensuring timely and adequate supply of fertilizers in the country:

- i. Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), in consultation with all the State Governments, assesses the state-wise & month-wise requirement of fertilizers.
- ii. On the basis of requirement projected, Department of Fertilizers allocates sufficient/ adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plan and continuously monitors the availability along with the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- iii. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored throughout the country by an on-line web based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS).

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