

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1973 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 06.12.2024**

**Cap on Consumption of Chemical Fertilizers**

**1973: SHRI DURAI VAIKO:**

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

- (a) whether the Government plans to cap the consumption of the chemical fertilizers like urea, DAP and muriate of potash;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has tracked the percentage reduction in demand for chemical fertilizers after the introduction of the PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth' (PM-PRANAM) scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, year-wise and State-wise, if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS  
**(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

(a) & (b): Government of India (GOI) has no plan to cap the consumption of the chemical fertilizers. However, GOI is promoting the balanced use of fertilizers on soil test based recommendation and encouraging the use of innovative fertilizers such as Nano Urea and Nano DAP etc.

(c) & (d): The 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. The incentives to States/UTs for reduction of consumption of chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, NPK, MOP) in a given financial year, compared to the average consumption over the previous three years, under the Scheme is equivalent to 50% of the fertilizer subsidy saved by the State.

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