

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2048 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 06.12.2024**

**PM-PRANAM Scheme**

**2048:** SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:  
SHRI JAI PRAKASH:  
SMT. KAMLESH JANGDE:  
SHRI JASHUBHAI BHILUBHAI RATHVA:  
SHRI BHARATSINHJI SHANKARJI DABHI:  
DR. HEMANT VISHNU SAVARA:  
SHRI MUKESHKUMAR CHANDRAKAANT DALAL:  
SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:  
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:  
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:  
SHRI RAVINDRA SHUKLA ALIAS RAVI KISHAN:  
SHRI SURESH KUMAR KASHYAP:  
SMT. KAMALJEET SEHRAWAT:  
SMT. SMITA UDAY WAGH:  
SHRI GANESH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government encourages sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers by using alternative fertilizers and promoting natural and organic farming through the PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth (PM-PRANAM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the impact of the said scheme in Himachal Pradesh;
- (c) whether the use of natural fertilizers increase crop production without affecting the soil quality, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the various steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve soil quality and promote the use of natural fertilizers in Janjgir-Champa of Chhattisgarh and Jalgaon Lok Sabha Constituency of Maharashtra under the said scheme;
- (e) whether the Government has conducted awareness campaigns in West Bengal and Maharashtra especially in Palghar district to educate farmers on the benefits of using alternate fertilizers and adopting organic farming practices, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether farmers in the Jalgaon Lok Sabha constituency have received adequate support, such as subsidies or training, for transitioning to sustainable fertilisation methods under the programme, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) to (f): Yes. It is a fact that 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. The incentives can be utilized for promotional activities (IEC) & R&D relating to agricultural infrastructure and increase in the yield. The remaining 50% of the subsidy is retained by Govt. of India.

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 bio-fertilizers / bio-enriched organic manures.

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), on June 28, 2023 has approved the Market Development Assistance (MDA) @ Rs. 1500/MT to promote organic fertilizers, viz., FOM/LFOM/PROM produced at plants under GOBARdhan initiative covering different Biogas/CBG support schemes/programmes of stakeholder Ministries/Departments such as Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) scheme of MoPNG, ‘Waste to Energy’ programme of MNRE, Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) of DDWS, etc. 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.

These schemes are being implemented across the country, including the States of Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal & Chhattisgarh.

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