

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS  
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4251 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 20.12.2024**

**Supply of Fertilizers in Jalpaiguri**

**4251: DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any initiatives to ensure the timely supply of fertilizers to farmers in Jalpaiguri district, especially in tea gardens and agricultural areas, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether the Government is promoting organic fertilizers and sustainable farming techniques in Jalpaiguri, and if so, the details of the steps being taken to encourage their adoption?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

**(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)**

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(a): Before the commencement of each cropping season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) assesses the State-wise & Month-wise requirement of fertilizers. To fulfil this requirement of fertilizers in the States as per assessment done by DA&FW, D/o Fertilizers allocates adequate quantities of fertilizers to States by issuing monthly supply plans. The movement of all major subsidized fertilizers is monitored through web-based monitoring system called integrated Fertilizer Monitoring System (iFMS). However, the inter/intra-district distribution of fertilizers is being done by the respective State to meet the field requirement within the State. In this context, as per the information received from State Govt. of West Bengal, assessment of fertilizers' requirement is done including the requirement of fertilizers for the tea estates in Jalpaiguri District. The allocation as well as supply of fertilizer is made accordingly.

(b): Government is promoting organic farming on priority in the country for improving soil health and water retention through PARAMPARAGAT KRISHI VIKAS YOJANA (PKVY) in all the States/UTs other-than North Eastern Region. The scheme stresses on end-to-end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification and marketing and post-harvest management. Training and capacity building are integral parts of the scheme.

Under PKVY, assistance of Rs. 31,500 per ha for a period of 3 years is provided for promotion of organic farming to cover different components like training & capacity building, data management, Participatory Guarantee System- India Certification, value addition, marketing and publicity. Out of this, the assistance of Rs. 15,000 per ha for a period of 3 years is provided to farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer for on – farm /off – farm organic inputs. As per the information received from State Govt. of West Bengal, PKVY is running in Jalpaiguri district as well. Under the domain of this scheme, farmers of this district are gradually adopting organic farming and becoming acquainted with the techniques of sustainable agriculture.

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