GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †865 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 29.11.2024

PM-PRANAM Scheme

†865: SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

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

- (a) the details of the salient features, objectives and targets set for the PM-PRANAM scheme launched by the Government to promote alternative fertilizers;
- (b) the details of the manner in which the scheme is likely to help in reducing the consumption of chemical fertilizers;
- (c) whether the States/UTs are also proposed to be made part of the said scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (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.

All States/UTs are covered under the PM- PRANAM scheme. Under the PM-PRANAM scheme, provisions to provide 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, equivalent to 50% of the fertilizer subsidy saved.
