

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 743 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 07.02.2025

Promotion of Balanced use of Fertilizers under PM-PRANAM Scheme

743: MS IQRA CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) the progress of the PM-PRANAM scheme for promoting sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers since 2023-24 in terms of grants given, State-wise;
- (b) the total quantum of grants that have been disbursed to States as of January 2025;
- (c) whether the State of Uttar Pradesh has reduced the usage of chemical fertilizers compared to past three years average, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is a specific component under the scheme for promoting awareness of the dangers of over-reliance on chemical fertilizers, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the scheme also intends to ensure that farmers will have access to alternative and organic fertilizers, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (e): 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.

In Uttar Pradesh, the average Point of Sale (PoS) of fertilizers for the year 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 was **104.21 LMT**. For the year 2023-24, the PoS sale stood at **105.28 LMT**, reflecting an **increase of 1.07 LMT** in Point of Sale (PoS) as compared to the previous three financial year's average sales.
