

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 716 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 29.11.2024

PM-PRANAM

716: SMT. POONAMBEN HEMATBHAI MAADAM:
SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:
SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced PM-PRANAM so as to promote alternative fertilizers, if so, the details and salient features thereof;
- (b) whether the scheme is likely to help in reduction of consumption of chemical fertilizers, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Scheme is aimed at promoting sustainable and balanced use of fertilisers and promoting organic farming in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the amount of fertiliser subsidy saved by way of reduction in consumption of chemical fertiliser in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) other measures being taken by the Government for reduction in consumption of chemical fertilisers in the country?

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.

(e): Pursuant to the Budget Announcement, 2023 and on the recommendations of the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), the Government 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.
