

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ORGANIC MANURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made to increase the use of organic manure;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to give subsidy on organic manure;
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The following efforts are being made to increase the use of organic manures:-

- (i) The Government is promoting Integrated Nutrient Management which includes soil test based judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with organic manure and bio-fertilizers.
- (ii) Financial assistance for setting up of mechanized compost plants for conversion of bio- degradable city waste into compost is being provided under the scheme `Balanced & Integrated use of Fertilizers`, now subsumed under the Macro-Management of Agriculture Scheme.
- (iii) The Government provided financial assistance for setting up of bio-fertilizer units under `National Project on Development and Use of Bio-fertilizers` during IX Plan, where Rs.20.00 lakhs per unit were provided.

(b) to (d): The Government has taken up a new scheme `National Project on Organic Farming` from October, 2004, under this scheme subsidy for setting up of organic input production units @ 25% of the project cost up to a maximum of Rs.40.00 lakh for fruit and vegetable waste compost units, Rs.20.00 lakh for bio-fertilizer production units and Rs.1.50 lakh for vermin-culture hatcheries per unit is being provided as credit linked back ended subsidy through National bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC).