

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF BIO- FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of bio-fertilizers in the country as on December 31, 2005, company- wise;
- (b) whether there is self-sufficiency in bio-fertilizers; and
- (c) if not, the steps the Government taken/proposed to be taken to augment the production of bio-fertilizers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The production of bio-fertilizers is demand driven. The installed capacity of bio- fertilizer units in the country is about 18,200 MT per annum against which the production was 10,594.90 MT during 2004-05. Thus, at present there is self sufficiency in bio-fertilizer production. The company-wise/agency-wise production of bio-fertilizer during 2004-05 is enclosed.

(c): In order to augment the production of bio-fertilizers in the country, the Government provided financial assistance of Rs.20.00 lakh per unit for setting up of bio-fertilizers production units under `National Project on Development and Use of Bio-fertilizers` during IXth Plan and 2002-03. The scheme has been subsumed under a new Central Sector Scheme `National Project on Organic Farming` with effect from October, 2004. Under the new scheme financial assistance for setting up of bio-fertilizer production units @ 25% of the project cost up to a maximum of Rs.20.00 lakh is being provided as credit linked back ended subsidy through National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) & National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).