## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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### UN STARRED QUESTION NO. 1533 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 14.03.2023

#### Production and use of organic fertilizers

#### 1533. MS. KAVITA PATIDAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has prepared any action plan during the last three years to increase the production and use of organic fertilizers; and
- (b) if so, the details of the said action plan and financial expenditure incurred thereon by Government?

### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing dedicated schemes for promotion of organic farming in the country, *viz.*, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region (MOVCDNER) since 2015-16. Under these schemes, farmers are primarily encouraged to take up organic cultivation using organic inputs including organic fertilizers and the schemes provide end to end support to farmers, i.e., from production to marketing of organic produce. Hands-on training to farmers about on-farm production of organic fertilizers and its use are integral part of these schemes. Farmers are provided a subsidy of Rs.31,000/ ha / 3 years under PKVY and Rs.32,500/ ha/ 3 years under MOVCDNER for various organic inputs.

Further, the National Centre for Organic and Natural Farming (NCONF) and its Regional Centres (RCONFs) under the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare) encourage farmers and other stakeholders for using organic fertilizers through various online and offline training programmes.

Budget earmarked for Organic Farming Schemes (PKVY & MOVCDNER) for last three years are as under:

Years	Budget Earmarked (Rupees in Crore)
2020-21	675.00
2021-22	650.00
2022-23	667.34
Total	1992.34