

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 521 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 25.07.2023

PM PRANAM Programme

521: SHRI R. DHARMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to launch PM PRANAM Programme to promote balanced use of chemical fertilizers and alternative fertilizers across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the details of funds estimated for this programme;
- (d) the details of the target likely to be set;
- (e) the number of States likely to be covered initially under this programme; and
- (f) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) to (f) : Yes, Sir. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 28th June, 2023 has approved the “PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM)”. The initiative aims to support the mass movement started by States/UTs to save the health of Mother Earth by promoting sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers, adopting alternate fertilizers, promoting organic farming and implementing resource conservation technologies.

Under the said scheme, it is proposed that 50% of the fertilizer subsidy saved by a State/UT in a particular financial year by way of reduction in consumption of chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, NPK, MOP) compared to previous 3 years’ average consumption, will be passed on to that State/UT as Grant. The PM-PRANAM scheme is being implemented for a period of three years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26). All states/UTs are eligible under the said scheme.
