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DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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Promotion of City Compost

**213. SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:
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SHRI BHOLA SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has established a policy on the promotion of City Compost in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives of such policy;
- (c) whether the said policy has been able to achieve the objective for which it was established;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the quantum of solid waste from towns and cities which was decomposed during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to incentivize farmers on buying compost or organic fertilizers from manufacturing companies in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government had approved the policy on the promotion of city compost which was formulated by the Department of Fertilizers on 10th February 2016, under which financial assistance in the form of Market Development Assistance @ ₹1,500/- per metric ton was provided for scaling up production and consumption of city compost. Initially, existing fertilizer marketing companies, having good marketing network, were allowed for marketing of city compost. Subsequently, in order to increase volume of sales and to make compost available at affordable prices to farmers, compost manufacturing companies producing compost were allowed for bulk sale of city compost directly to farmers.

The aims and objectives of the policy on promotion of city compost, inter-alia, was to promote city compost made from city waste, processing of waste by converting into useful by-product and complement the objectives of "SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN" campaign of Government. However, the scheme of Market Development Assistance (MDA) on city compost has been discontinued after 30th September, 2021 based on the review of the policy and recommendations of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) made in its meeting held on 2nd August, 2021.

The details of sales of city compost by fertilizer marketing companies/ compost manufacturers and disbursement of MDA since 2016-17 to 2021-22 under the policy on promotion of city compost are as under:

| Years | Sales by marketing companies (in MT) | Bulk sales by manufacturing companies (in MT) | Total sales (in MT) | MDA released (Rupees in crore) |
|--------------|---|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2016-17 | 96584.00 | - | 96584.00 | 0.55 |
| 2017-18 | 123569.87 | 75492.04 | 199061.91 | 7.26 |
| 2018-19 | 195551.48 | 111078.99 | 306630.47 | 10.00 |
| 2019-20 | 215725.88 | 111046.84 | 326772.72 | 33.85 |
| 2020-21 | 259195.96 | 96738.679 | 355934.64 | 68.74 |
| 2021-22 | 170636.18 | 85171.88 | 255808.06 | 42.00 |

(e): Data on the quantum of municipal solid waste (MSW) being decomposed is not maintained. The principal objective of Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) is to achieve 100% scientific processing of the MSW through all possible means, i.e., composting, incineration, bio-methanation, recycling, etc. and hence data on total MSW processing is maintained, irrespective of the method of processing.

(f) : There existed no scheme to provide Market Development Assistance (MDA) directly to farmers. As per the policy on promotion of city compost formulated by the Department of Fertilizers on 10.02.2016, MDA of Rs. 1500 per Metric Ton was provided to fertilizer marketing companies for marketing of city compost and compost manufacturers for selling of compost in bulk quantity directly to farmers.
