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Government of India
Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers
Department of Fertilizers
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Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated 12th October, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Upgradation of website-Contents regarding.

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The undersigned is directed to refer to O.M. No. 97/10/2017-IT dated 3.8.2020 received from IT Section on the above mentioned subject and to furnish herewith updated contents in respect of policy on promotion of City Compost for uploading the same in the Department's web-site.

It is requested that the contents i.e. Notification, guidelines, amendment to guidelines etc related to policy containing in Chapter 'Fertilizer Policy' may be deleted and in place an updated contents i.e. 'status of the policy' may be added.

This issues with the approval of JS(AS).

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Policy on promotion of City Compost

The Hon'ble Prime Minister in his Independence Day speech on 15th August, 2014 emphasized the need for improving general hygiene and cleanliness in the cities and villages. The processing and use of city waste as compost fully complements the "SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN" campaign of Government of India. The compost, in addition to replenishing the low organic carbon in Indian soils, also has several physical, chemical and biological effects including the supply of micro plant nutrients and the reduction in nitrogen leaching while unlocking fixed phosphorus. The integrated use of optimal dose of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (NPK) in conjunction with organic manure ensures better yields in a sustainable manner and also corrects some of the secondary and micro-nutrient deficiencies.

2. Composting can reduce the volume of waste to landfill/dumpsite by converting the waste into useful by-products. This also prevents production of harmful greenhouse gases (especially methane) and toxic material that pollutes groundwater apart from polluting the Environment City Waste composting would also generate employment in urban areas.

3. Government of India has approved a policy on promotion of City Compost. A notification conveying the approval of the Government has been issued by the Department of Fertilizers on 10.02.2016 in which Market Development Assistance (MDA) Rs. 1500/- per MT has been provided for scaling up production and consumption of City Compost. Initially, fertilizer marketing companies were permitted for marketing and promotion of city compost. The Operational Guidelines have been issued on 3.6.2016 and the Revised Operational Guidelines issued on 10.10.2016. In order to increase the volume of sale and to make compost available at affordable price to farmers, in addition to existing marketing arrangement, provision within the policy framework has been made allowing compost producers/manufacturers to market city compost. Guidelines for release of MDA on direct sale were issued on 9th January, 2017. Vide O.Ms. dated 7th September, 2017, Fertilizers Marketing Companies allowed for Bulk Sale of city compost and manufacturing companies for Bagged Sale of city compost. A Committee of Joint Secretaries of Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Urban Development and Department of Agriculture has been set up for coordination. The Fertilizer Companies have adopted 498 villages for promoting the use of City Compost. For better coordination and promotion of city compost, States have been asked to constitute State Level Steering Committee. State Level Steering Committee has been constituted in 12 States. The Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has been rolled out in Fertilizer Sector w.e.f. 1st March, 2018 and fertilizer companies marketing city compost are also covered under the scheme.

4. The year-wise sales of city compost and expenditure on MDA is as follows:

(in MT)

Year	Sale by marketing companies (in MT)	Bulk Sale by manufacturing companies (in MT)	Total sale (in MT)	Budget allocation (in crore)	MDA released (in crore)
2016-17	96584.00	-	96584.00	15.00	0.55
2017-18	123569.87	75492.04	199061.91	15.00	7.26
2018-19	195551.48	111078.99	306630.47	10.00	10.00
2019-20	215725.88	108872.57	324598.45	32.00	32.00
2020-21 (April-Aug 21)	99366.40	30499.58	129865.98	29.00	17.36