

Policy on promotion of city compost

The Government of India approved a policy on promotion of City Compost. A notification conveying the approval of the Government has been issued by this Department on 10.2.2016 in which Market Development Assistance (MDA) of Rs.1500/MT has been provided for scaling up production and consumption of city compost. The detailed guidelines and amendments made from time to time are available under the head "Fertilizer Policy".

The policy is expected to have following benefits:

- (i) Compost from City garbage would not only provide carbon and primary/secondary nutrients to soil but also help in keeping the city clean.
- (ii) Market development assistance would lower MRP of City Compost for farmers.
- (iii) Use of city compost in conjunction with chemical fertilizers would result in higher yield.
- (iv) Eco-Mark standard for City Compost would ensure that environment friendly quality product reaches the farmers.

Since implementation of the policy, the following actions have been taken by the Department:

- i. Concerned Ministries/Departments/Authorities have been requested to take appropriate action on actionable points contained in the notification.
- ii. For co-marketing of City Compost, the tagging of Cities with fertilizer marketing companies for the purpose of proper utilization of City Compost produced in the cities has been completed as per the list provided by M/o Urban Development.
- iii. A separate budget head has been created for release of Market Development Assistance (MDA) on sale of City Compost. For the period 2018-19, a provision of Rs.10 crores has been made.
- iv. Operational guidelines for release of MDA on sale of City Compost have been issued on 03.06.2016. Revised operational guidelines have been issued to all concerned on 10.10.2016. Amendment in the guidelines dated 10.10.2016 has been made allowing manufacturing companies for bagged sale of city compost vide O.M. dated 7.9.2017
- v. Manufacturing companies vide O.M. dated 28.09.2016 issued by the Department of Fertilizers have been allowed for direct sale of city compost to farmers. Guidelines for release of MDA on direct sale of city compost by compost manufacturers to farmers under the policy on promotion of city compost have been issued by the Department of Fertilizers on 09.01.2017. Amendment in the guidelines dated 9.1.2017 has been made allowing marketing companies for bulk sale of city compost vide O.M. dated 7.9.2017.

- vi. The required software for routing of MDA through FMS and mFMS (now iFMS) is operational.
- vii. A joint Committee of Joint Secretaries of Department of Fertilizers, Ministry of Urban Development and Department of Agriculture have been set up for coordination.
- viii. The fertilizer Companies have adopted 384 (210 in 2016-17 and 174 in 2017-18) villages for promoting the use of City Compost.
- ix. State level steering Committee has been constituted in 11 States for promotion of City Compost.