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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Panchayati Raj.

To

1. All the Chief Executive Officer(Zila Parishad)
Himachal Pradesh

2.All the District Panchayat Officers
Himachal Pradesh

3. All the Block Development Officers Himachal Pradesh

Subject: Shimla-09 dated 24-01-2026
Regarding including "Dharti Mata Bachao Abhiyan" agenda in
the special Gram Sabha scheduled on 26th January 2026

Madam/Sir,

This is in continuation to letter . of even no. dated 17-01-2026 on the subject cited above. Please find enclosed a D.O. No. No.M-11015/103/2024-CB) dated 24th January 2026 from Sh. Suhil Kumar Lohani, IAS,Additional Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India along with annexures, vide which it has been informed that Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has initiated the "Dharti Mata Bachao Abhiyan" with the objective of promoting judicious use of fertilizers, reducing input costs for farmers, enhancing agricultural productivity, and ensuring sustainable improvement in soil health.

In this regard, you are therefore requested to include the agenda prepared by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, as an item during the mandatory Gram Sabha to be held on 26th January 2026 and subsequent Gram Sabhas, to facilitate suitable awareness on judicious use of fertilizer.

Encl. as above

Yours faithfully

Signed by

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24th January, 2026

Dear Madam/ Sir,

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has initiated the "Dharti Mata Bachao Abhiyan" with the objective of promoting judicious use of fertilizers, reducing input costs for farmers, enhancing agricultural productivity, and ensuring sustainable improvement in soil health. In this regard, the Ministry has issued detailed guidelines for establishing a multi-level institutional mechanism under the Abhiyan, vide DO letter dated 07.08.2025 (copy enclosed).

2. As per the said guidelines, **Dharti Mata Bachao Nigrani Samitis** are to be constituted at three levels, namely Village, Sub-Division, and District. The objective of these samitis are to monitor the excessive sale of fertilizers, ascertaining the reason for the same and informing District & Sub-Division authorities in case of diversion for non-agricultural use/cross border smuggling. The committees will also create suitable awareness among farmers and motivate them for the judicious use of chemical fertilizers to improve the soil conditions of their field.

3. In view of the above, it is requested that necessary directions may kindly be issued for the constitution of the **Gram Panchayat-level Dharti Mata Bachao Nigrani Samiti**, to be headed by the Gram Pradhan/Sarpanch. It is further requested that the Committee may convene regular meetings, as envisaged in the guidelines, to ensure its effective functioning and to achieve the intended objectives of the Abhiyan.

4. Further, an agenda on the above subject (copy enclosed), prepared by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, may kindly be included as an item in the agenda of the **mandatory Gram Sabha to be held on 26 January 2026 and subsequent Grm Sabhas**, to facilitate suitable awareness on judicious use of fertilizer.

5. I, therefore, shall be grateful for your personal intervention in issuing appropriate directions for inclusion of the above-mentioned agenda in the mandatory Gram Sabha to be held on 26 January 2026, as well as in subsequent Gram Sabhas, and for ensuring that the above-mentioned Gram Panchayat-level Samiti is made fully functional.

With warm regards,

Encl.: As above

Yours sincerely,


(Sushil Kumar Lohani)

To: The Addl. Chief Secretary/Pr. Secretary/ Secretary
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All concerned States/UT

ग्राम सभा के स्थाई कार्य-सूची में सम्मिलित करने हेतु प्रस्ताव

रसायन एवं उर्वरक मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार के अंतर्गत उर्वरक विभाग की ओर से यह प्रस्ताव ग्राम सभा के स्थाई कार्य-सूची में सम्मिलित करने हेतु प्रस्तावित किया जा रहा है।

भारत विश्व के प्रमुख कृषि उत्पादक देशों में से एक है, जो १.४ अरब से अधिक लोगों का भरण-पोषण करता है और करोड़ों किसानों के परिवारों की आजीविका का आधार है। हमारी खेती, खाद्य सुरक्षा और किसान की समृद्धि हमारी धरती माता की सेहत पर निर्भर करती है। वर्षों से रासायनिक उर्वरकों, विशेषकर यूरिया, के अत्यधिक एवं असंतुलित उपयोग से मिट्टी की उर्वरता में कमी, पर्यावरण प्रदूषण तथा उत्पादन लागत में वृद्धि जैसी समस्याएँ सामने आई हैं।

माननीय प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी ने १४.०१.२०२६ को समस्त देशवासियों को पोंगल त्यौहार की शुभकामनाएं देते हुए यह स्पष्ट रूप से कहा है कि **“प्रकृति के प्रति आभार केवल शब्दों तक सीमित न रहे, उसे हम जीवनशैली का हिस्सा भी बनायें। जब यह धरती हमें इतना कुछ देती है तो उसे संजोने का दायित्व भी हमारा है। अगली पीढ़ी के लिये मिट्टी को स्वस्थ रखना, पानी को बचाना और संसाधनों का संतुलित उपयोग करना सबसे जरूरी है।.....हमारा लक्ष्य यह होना चाहिए की हमारी थाली भी भरी रहे, हमारी जेब भी भरी रहे और हमारी धरती भी सुरक्षित रहे।”**

आदरणीय प्रधानमंत्री जी के नेतृत्व में इस दिशा में अनेक ठोस कदम उठाए गए हैं। सरकार ने मृदा स्वास्थ्य कार्ड योजना के माध्यम से किसानों को उनकी मिट्टी की वास्तविक स्थिति की जानकारी दी है, नीम-लेपित यूरिया को अनिवार्य कर यूरिया के दुरुपयोग और गैर-कृषि विचलन पर रोक लगाई है, तथा प्रत्यक्ष लाभ अंतरण (DBT) प्रणाली के जरिए उर्वरकों की पारदर्शी आपूर्ति सुनिश्चित की है। साथ ही, प्राकृतिक खेती, जैविक खाद, फसल चक्र और संतुलित पोषक तत्व प्रबंधन को भी बढ़ावा दिया जा रहा है। इसके अतिरिक्त, सरकार यूरिया के गैर-कृषि उपयोग और अवैध विचलन पर सख्त निगरानी कर रही है ताकि वास्तविक किसानों को समय पर उर्वरक उपलब्ध हो सके।

इस दिशा में पंचायत, उप-जिला एवं जिला स्तर पर नवगठित **“धरती माता बचाओ निगरानी समिति”** की भूमिका अत्यंत प्रासंगिक है। वर्तमान में, १,४६,१६९ ग्राम-स्तरीय, १९२९ उप-जिला स्तरीय एवं ३९५ जिला स्तरीय निगरानी समितियों का गठन किया जा चुका है। समिति द्वारा ग्राम स्तर पर उर्वरकों के संतुलित उपयोग की निगरानी, यूरिया के गैर-कृषि उपयोग पर रोक, जागरूकता कार्यक्रम तथा प्रशासन को सहयोग प्रदान करना आपेक्षित है।

अतः अनुरोध है कि ग्राम सभा की स्थाई कार्य-सूची में इस प्रस्ताव को स्थाई रूप से सम्मिलित करके समिति के प्रयासों में सक्रिय सहयोग किया जाये और साथ मिलकर धरती माता को बचाने का संकल्प लिया जाये, ताकि टिकाऊ खेती और आने वाली पीढ़ियों का सुरक्षित भविष्य सुनिश्चित हो सके।

Proposal to include in Standing Agenda of the Gram Sabha

This proposal is being proposed to be included in the list of standing agenda of the Gram Sabha on behalf of the Department of Fertilizers under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India.

India is one of the world's leading agricultural producer countries. Our nation supports the livelihood of more than 1.4 billion people and millions of farming families depend on agriculture for their sustenance. Our farming system, food security, and farmers' prosperity are directly linked to the health of *Mother Earth*. Over the years, excessive and imbalanced use of chemical fertilizers—especially Urea—has led to declining soil fertility, environmental pollution, and increased cost of agricultural production. These challenges pose a serious concern for sustainable agriculture and future generations.

On **14 January 2026**, while extending greetings to the nation on the occasion of the Pongal festival, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji emphasized: ***"...Our gratitude towards nature is not limited to words alone, but becomes part of our lifestyle. When the Earth gives us so much, it is our responsibility to protect and nurture it. Preserving healthy soil, conserving water, and using resources in a balanced manner for the next generation are essential.... Our goal should be that our plates too are full, our pockets too are full, and our Earth too remains safe..."***

Under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, the Government has taken several concrete and effective steps in this direction. Through the **Soil Health Card Scheme**, farmers are being informed about the actual condition of their soil. **Neem-coated urea** has been made mandatory to curb misuse and non-agricultural diversion of urea. The **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** system has ensured transparent and timely distribution of fertilizers. In addition, the Government is actively promoting **natural farming, organic manure, crop rotation, and balanced nutrient management**. Strict monitoring is being carried out to prevent non-agricultural use and illegal diversion of urea so that genuine farmers receive fertilizers on time.

In this context, the role of the newly constituted "**Dharti Mata Bachao Nigrani Samiti**" at the Panchayat, Sub-District, and District levels is extremely relevant. At present, **146,169 village-level, 1,929 sub-district-level, and 395 district-level** monitoring committees have been constituted across the country. These committees are expected to actively engaged in monitoring balanced fertilizer use at village level, preventing non-agricultural use of urea, conducting awareness programs, and supporting the administration.

Therefore, it is requested that this proposal be permanently included in the standing agenda of the Gram Sabha and that active cooperation be extended to the efforts of the committee, and together a resolve be taken to protect Mother Earth, so that sustainable farming and a secure future for the coming generations can be ensured.

**Operational guidelines for Dharti Mata Bachao Nigrani Samiti on the judicious
usage of chemical fertilizers**

1. Background:

It has been observed that the usage of chemical fertilizer has been on the rise. One of the reasons is the lack of awareness among the farmers about judicious use of fertilizer. There is a need for effective awareness generation. Further, the issue of illegal diversion of chemical fertilizer particularly to industry & across international border also needs surveillance & actions at grass roots level. To address these challenges, a comprehensive multilevel mechanism is proposed. The mechanism will be named as **Dharti Mata Bachao Abhiyan** with Committees at Village, Sub Division (taluka/ tehsil) & District Level.

2. Village Level

Dharti Mata Bachao Nigrani Samiti is proposed with the composition of the Members as follows:-

| Gram Stariya Dharti Mata Bachao Nigrani Samiti | | |
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| 1. | Gram Pradhan | Chairperson |
| 2. | Gram Panchayat Secretary | Member |
| 3. | Krishi Sakhis in the village | Members |
| 4. | Drone Didis of the Village | Member |
| 5. | Progressive Farmer as identified under agriculture schemes | Member |
| 6. | PACS/ FPO (Board of Directors) residing in the village | Members |
| 7. | One Agriculture official of village/ Gram Panchayat level | Member |

The Convener/ Secretary of the Committee will be decided by the State Government as per local administrative convenience.

2.1 Functions of the Committee:-

- I. The Committee may monitor excessive sale of fertilizers to particular individuals or group of individuals in panchayat, ascertaining the reason for the same and informing district & sub-division authorities in case of diversion for non agricultural use or cross border smuggling.
- II. To motivate the farmers on judicious use of chemical fertilizers to improve the soil conditions of their fields. The soil health card distributed among the farmers will help in addressing the deficiency of micro-nutrient in the soil. Accordingly, farmers should be motivated to use only those fertilizers that are necessary to improve the soil health condition.
- III. Surveillance mechanism, which will keep tab on any illegal diversion of fertilizer in villages situated close to international borders. The Samiti would also be vigilant on cross border diversion of fertilizer. If they come across some unwarranted activities of diversion of fertilizer in the bordering districts, they should inform the office of District Magistrate /Sub Divisional Magistrate or Tehsil level officer.
- IV. Surveillance on any production, distribution of spurious or fake fertilizers & giving such information to Sub Division/ District Level.

2.2 Activities of Gram Level Samiti

- (i) The Samiti will facilitate convening of a monthly open Gram Panchayat meeting once before Rabi and once before Kharif crop season to discuss the issue of balanced use of fertilizer and use of nutrient based fertilizers based on Soil Health Card recommendations & Crop being sown.
- (ii) The district administration will identify at least 100 locations/ villages where the use of chemical fertilizer is significantly very high. The Scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendras

will visit each of these villages and participate in the Gram Panchayat meeting to generate awareness among the farmers about judicious usage of chemical fertilizers.

(iii) The Samiti will meet bi-monthly at least twice in each season to review consumption of fertilizer and discuss any illegal diversions. Samiti will obtain the details of retail sales of fertilizer from Agriculture office to review any abnormal rise in consumption and analyze its reasons and also work towards educating the farmers. If any shortage of fertilizer is observed, it will be brought to the notice of DM/ DAO of the District.

3. Sub Divisional Level Review Committee:

Sub divisional level review committee will be constituted with the following composition:

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| 1. | Sub Divisional Magistrate | Chairperson |
| 2. | Sub Divisional Level officer of Agriculture Department. | Member- Secretary |
| 3. | Representatives of all Fertilizer Association / Companies | Member |
| 4. | Sub Divisional Level officer of Cooperation Department. | Member |

The functions of Sub Divisional Level Review Committee will be as follows:

- i. To review & ensure organizing of two gram panchayat level Gram Sabha meetings in each village.
- ii. To ensure whether village level Nigrani Samitis are meeting regularly.
- iii. To take strict enforcement actions in case of any information related to spurious fertilizer or illegal diversion which is brought to their notice, as per the law.

4. District Level Committee:

Similarly, District Level Review & Monitoring Committee will be formed under the Co-Chairmanship of District Magistrate and CEO, Zila Panchayat/Parishad as follows:-

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| 1 | District Magistrate | Co-Chair |
| 1. | CEO, Zila Panchayat | Co- Chair |
| 3. | Superintendent of Police of the District or nominee. | Member |
| 4. | District level officers of Cooperative Department. | Member |
| 5. | Representative of fertilizer companies. | Members |
| 6. | Scientist of Krishi Vigyan Kendra | Member |
| 7. | District Agriculture Officer | Convener |

The role of District Level Review & Monitoring Committee will be as follows;

- I. To review the fertilizer usage in the district and undertake specialized campaigns for balanced use of fertilizers.
- II. The district administration will identify at least 100 Gram Panchayat's where the usage of chemical fertilizer is high in the past. More concerted efforts will be taken in these villages & KVK scientists will necessarily visit these villages and participate in the Gram Panchayat meetings.
- III. Strict vigil on the illegal diversion of fertilizers and effective enforcement actions should be taken such as FIR & arrests, Suspension of licenses of dealership etc. The Committee will also review the follow up actions on the enforcement taken earlier.
- IV. The District Level Review & Monitoring Committee will review the stock position of fertilizer and recommend repositioning of any surplus fertilizers to the deficit areas within the district.

The State may suitably customize the compositions of the Committees.

5. Outcome:-

- I. Ensuring sustainable improvement in soil health.
- II. Reducing cost of cultivation due to judicious usage of chemical fertilizer.
- III. Increase in farmers income due to higher productivity achieved through judicious use of fertilizers.
- IV. Effective prevention of illegal diversion of fertilizers.
- V. The State may get sizable grant under PM-PRANAM Scheme, due to net savings in chemical fertilizers.