

Bio-fertiliser units get a ₹2cr push

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Lucknow: The state government has released the first allocation of Rs 2.1 crore for promoting bio-fertiliser production units in UP, a programme being taken up to target soil conservation.

The government has earmarked Rs 4 crore for the project which will cover remuneration, subsidies, maintenance, miscellaneous expenses, material procurement, training-related travel and other related expenses for bio-fertiliser production units.

A government spokesperson said that unlike synthetic fertilisers, bio-fertilisers not only enhance crop yield but also play an important role in soil preservation. The state government has drafted a strategy to promote the widespread adoption of bio-fertilisers. The first instalment of Rs 2.1 crore is aimed at six major works which include an allocation of Rs 15.50 lakh for the reinforcement and enhancement of bio-fertiliser production and research laboratories. Besides, Rs 5 lakh has been earmarked for the maintenance of bio-fertilisers and Rs 4 lakh to be utilised across 42 projects for the development and popularisation of bio-fertilisers.