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# Agro Inputs Manufacturers Association (of India)



Hon'ble Shri Arun Jaitelyji  
Finance Minister  
Government of India  
New-Delhi.

**Sub:** Representation regarding GST Rate and Classification for Bio-fertilizer and Organic plant growth promoter.

Respected Sir,

We are pleased to introduce our association who's members are manufacturers of Agro-inputs including Bio-fertilizers/Organic plant growth promoter. We are committed to support the motive of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Modiji to encourage "Organic Framing" in India.

## 1. BIO FERTILIZERS

Bio-fertilizers are consisted of beneficial micro-organisms responsible for fixation of atmospherical nitrogen / solubilization of fixed or unavailable phosphorous / potash. Thus bio-fertilizers are very useful for reduction of chemical fertilizers usages plus better utilisation of chemical fertilizers. The benefit of improvement in soil fertility and soil ecology are well established worldwide. Thus, reduction in fertilizer cost for the farmers as well as reduction of subsidy burden for the Government.

## 2. Organic plant growth promoter

Organic plant growth promoters are used as soil additives and plant additives, the functions and efficacy are more like organic manure with low dose. They work equally efficacious with conventional and organic farming. They are very important tool for conversation of conventional farming to Organic farming. The efficacy reports of field trials carried out in various Agriculture Universities/Central Govt. Research Institutes have documented with substantial increase in yield of various crops by 10 - 20%.

With the above brief submission we wish to state that a package of Organic Manure, Bio-fertilizers and Organic Plant Growth Promoters is the utmost need of time for sustainability to save soil fertility and conserve the environment. We, therefore, request you to kindly consider all three of them under the same classification of Organic Manure with 0% GST to boost the "Organic Farming" movement in India.

## Some Facts for your kind consideration

Presently Organic Manure, Bio-fertilizers and Organic plant growth promoters are:  
Central Excise : 0%, Vat : 0% in many state and 6% in few state, in GST they are levied @ 5%. Whereas Chemical Fertilizers are supported with Subsidy Expenditure from the Government to the tune of Rs. 70,000+ Cr.

We humbly request you Hon'ble Sir to kindly consider our submission and oblige.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

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