

1) Analyse the pros and cons of PM - PRANAM scheme? (150 words)

PM- PRANAM - Prime ministers' -

Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Renovation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother earth scheme was launched in the Union

Budget 2023-24. It comes under the ministry of Petroleum and Bio-fertilizers.

Pros +

1) It promotes the use of bio-fertilizers to save the soil.

2) It aims to achieve the sustainable development of agriculture and balanced use of fertilizers

3) By promoting the use of bio-fertilizers it will reduce the effect of climate change.

4) Increase the fertility of soil and increase the health of food.

5) It involves the participation of states. It helps to speed the implementation of the scheme.

Cons :-

1) unavailability of bio-fertilizers :-

At present, bio-fertilizers are not easily available to all the farmers in India.

2) Lack of Awareness :-

Farmers are unaware of using bio-fertilizers and the balanced use of fertilizers to increase the health of soil.

3) Lack of govt benefits :-

At present, Govt are providing subsidy to only high yielding variety seeds and chemical fertilizers. It should be increased to bio-fertilizers.

4) participation of states :-

Agriculture is in the State list in 7th schedule. So, states must come forward to promote the use of bio fertilizers & balanced use of fertilizers.