GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 651
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/12/2021

ADOPTION OF ZERO BUDGET NATURAL FARMING

651. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed a detailed economic and agricultural plan for the adoption of Zero Budget Natural Farming;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total expenditure of Government in the promotion of Zero Budget Natural farming in the financial year 2020-21?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government is implementing Zero Budget Natural farming viz Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP) as a sub scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) since 2020-21 for the promotion of traditional and indigenous agricultural practices. The scheme mainly emphasizes on exclusion of all synthetic chemical inputs and promotes on-farm biomass recycling with major stress on biomass mulching, use of cow dung-urine formulations and other plant-based preparations. Under BPKP, financial assistance of Rs 12200/ha for 3 years is provided for cluster formation, capacity building and continuous handholding by trained personnel, certification and residue analysis.

As of now, under BPKP programme an area of 4.09 lakh ha has been covered in 8 states and Rs. 4980.99 lakh has been released. The State –wise details of area covered and funds released under BPKP during the year 2020-21 is given at **Annexure - I.**

Annexure- I

The State –wise details of funds released under BPKP during the year 2020-21

Sl. No.	States	Area in Ha	Amount released (Rs in lakh)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	100000	750.00
2.	Chhattisgarh	85000	1352.52
3.	Kerala	84000	1336.60
4.	Himachal Pradesh	12000	286.42
5	Jharkhand	3400	54.10
6.	Odisha	24000	381.89
7.	Madhya Pradesh	99000	787.64
8.	Tamil Nadu	2000	31.82
Total		**409400**	**4980.99**

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