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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1135
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/12/2022

ORGANIC FARMING IN THE COUNTRY

1135. DR. SUMER SINGH SOLANKI:

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

- (a) the total land area in the country where organic farming is being done;
- (b) whether organic farming is also being done in the state of Madhya Pradesh, if so, the area –wise details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to promote organic farming?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): The total land area under organic farming is 59.12 lakh ha in the country.
- (b): Yes Sir, Organic farming is also being done in the state of Madhya Pradesh along with other States in the country. Madhya Pradesh has a total of 17.31 lakh ha organic certified area. Out of this 16.38 lakh ha organic area is registered under National Programme on Organic Production (NPOP), while the remaining 0.93 lakh ha organic area is registered under Participatory Guarantee System (PGS).
- (c): Government has been promoting organic farming in the country since 2015-16 through the schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER). PKVY is being implemented in all the States including Madhya Pradesh other-than North Eastern (NE) States, across the country. MOVCDNER scheme is implemented exclusively in the NE States. The schemes provide end to end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification and marketing and post harvest management support including processing. Under PKVY, farmers of various states in the country are provided financial assistance of Rs 50000/ha for 3 years out of which, Rs 31000/ ha / 3 years is provided directly to farmers through DBT for on-farm and off-farm organic inputs. Under MOVCDNER, an assistance of Rs. 46,575/ha for 3years is provided for creation of FPO, support to farmers for organic inputs, quality seeds/ planting material and training, hand holding and certification. Financial assistance @ Rs 32500/ ha for 3 years is provided to farmers for off farm /on –farm organic inputs under the scheme.
