

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1953
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17/03/2023

PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING

1953. DR. C.M. RAMESH:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to organise in villages visuals through computer on a screen for the benefit of farmers to encourage organic farming in the country in a big way, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) whether Government proposes to consider institutional arrangements for agricultural education for the farming community in the country to boost agricultural production in a more scientific way, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): 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 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 and MOVCDNER schemes financial assistance are provided for capacity building, training and handholding for farmers. Various training modes including audio visual tools, online training are being used. Farmers are also being made aware on organic farming through online programmes accessible through computer and mobiles. Under PKVY there is provision of assistance @ Rs 7500/ha for 3 years for training and capacity building of farmers on organic production whereas, under MOVCDNER Rs 10000/ha for 3 years is provided for training and hand holding of farmers for capacity building on organic production.

National Center for Organic and Natural Farming (NCONF), a sub-ordinate office of DA&FW, has been organizing various training programme for farmers on organic farming by live streaming / projection through computers on screen in targeted villages.

(b): For institutional arrangements for education on organic and natural farming, Government has approved syllabus for Natural farming to educate youths through UG/PG programmes in agricultural universities. A new university on Natural and Organic Farming has been established in Anand, Gujarat.

NCONF has been organizing various training and capacity building programme namely 30 Day's Certificate Course, Field Demonstration and Training, Extension Officer training Programme and 7 days online/offline training course on various aspects of organic farming for farmers and other stake holders. The details of training imparted and farmers/beneficiary trained by NCONF since 2016-17 is given in at **Annexure – I.**

Annexure – I

Details of various training imparted and number of farmers/beneficiary trained on organic farming by NCONF since 2016-17

S. No.	Quantifiable deliverables/physical outputs	No. of Training	Nos. of farmers/beneficiaries
1.	30 Days Certificate Course on Organic & Natural Farming	34	1030
2.	05 Days Refresher Training on QC for State Govt. Lab Analysts & FIs	05	87
3.	02 Days Training for Field Functionaries / Ext. Officers	138	2822
4.	Two Days Training on PGS for State Govt. Extension Officers/RCs/SPs/LRPs etc	09	194
5.	01 Day Farmers' Training & field demonstration under SAGY	996	55855
6.	Jaivik Kisan Sammelan	12	6228
7.	Specific target for Skill development programme	2	40
8.	One Day Stakeholder Consultation on NF	01	100
Online Trainings			
9.	07 Days Online training course on Organic farming	22	1565
10.	Online Farmers' Training & field demonstration	80	4109
11.	Online Training for Extension officers/LRPs/Farmers on PGS	30	811
12.	Awareness Program on Organic & Natural Farming for College Students	02	183
13.	Online Awareness Program on Organic & Natural Farming for school, colleges/consumers etc	03	179
14.	Online/Offline Trainings organized as Co-Organizers by N/RCOFs in association with other institutes/universities etc	14	1670
15.	Activities/ Campaigns organized under AKAM	68	9680
	Total	1416	84553
