

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2103
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09/08/2024

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ISSUES FACED BY FARMERS

2103. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY

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

- (a) whether Government has formed/set up a Committee to review issues on Minimum Support Price (MSP) and farmers' other issues such as promotion of Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) and organic farming; and
- (b) is so, the details and the present status thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The Government has constituted a Committee in July, 2022 which consists of representatives of farmers, Central Government, adequate representation of State Governments, eminent Agriculture Economists & Scientists etc. The mandate of the Committee is as under:

A. M. S. P.

1. Suggestions to make available MSP to farmers of the country by making the system more effective and transparent.
2. Suggestions on practicality to give more autonomy to Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and measures to make it more scientific.
3. To strengthen the Agricultural Marketing System as per the changing requirements of the country to ensure higher value to the farmers through remunerative prices of their produce by taking advantage of the domestic and export opportunities.

B. Natural Farming

1. Suggestions for programmes and schemes for value chain development, protocol validation & research for future needs and support for area expansion under the Indian Natural Farming System by publicity and through involvement and contribution of farmer organizations.
2. To suggest strategies for making Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) and other Research & Development institutions as knowledge centres, and introduction of natural farming system curriculum and skill development courses in the Universities & other educational Institutions.
3. To suggest farmer friendly alternative certification system and marketing system for natural farming processes and products.
4. To suggest methods and means for international coordination to strengthen the value chain development of natural farming.
5. Chain of laboratories for organic certification of products produced through natural farming.

C. Crop Diversification

1. Mapping of existing cropping patterns of agro-ecological zones of producer and consumer states.
2. Strategy for diversification policy to change the cropping pattern according to the changing needs of the country.
3. Arrangement for agricultural diversification & system to ensure remunerative prices for the sale of new crops.
4. Review and suggestion on micro irrigation scheme.

The meetings of the Committee are being held on regular basis.
