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TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/12/2024

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NMNF

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

- (a) the specific timeline for the implementation and State-wise rollout of the National Mission for Natural Farming (NMNF);
- (b) the details of the Model Demonstration Farms (MDFs) that are to be set up, including the training and capacity initiatives that are to be conducted there;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure that natural farming does not negatively impact crop productivity and farmers' incomes: and
- (d) whether any mechanisms have been put in place to monitor/evaluate the impact of NMNF on productivity, soil health, and farmers' income, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

- (a): The Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 25th November 2024, approved the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) to be implemented across States/UTs during the period of 15th Finance Commission (March 2026).
- (b): Under NMNF there is a provision of more than 2000 natural farming (NF) model demonstration farms for training and capacity building of farmers and Krishi Sakhis (Community Resource Persons) on natural farming package of practices in Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs), Agricultural Universities (AUs) and at farmers' fields.
- (c) & (d): Under NMNF, there is provision for extensive training on natural farming package of practices by scientists and Farmer Master Trainers, to initiate natural farming in small landholdings. Continuous handholding support will be provided by Krishi Sakhis, Farmer Master Trainers and by Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) extension workers to the farmers for the natural farming package of practices.

An online monitoring and evaluation mechanism has been developed, with a geospatial data system, for tracking the progress of the Mission's activities such as progress of farmers covered, soil health, natural farming package of practices being practiced on dashboards and reports have been planned for assessing impact assessment across all levels on the progressive spread of natural farming.
