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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 513**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/11/2024

**PROMOTING NATURAL FARMING AND ORGANIC MANURE**

**513. DR. BHIM SINGH:**

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

- (a) the details of plan Government proposes to formulate to replace urea, Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) and other fertilizers with organic manure in the country;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to provide financial assistance and training to farmers to promote organic farming, the details thereof, State-wise, and district-wise particularly for the State of Bihar;
- (c) Government's plan to purchase food grains produced by farmers through natural farming; and
- (d) Government's plan to promote cow dung based natural farming?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): The Government of India is encouraging the balanced use of fertilizer in conjunction with the Organic and Biofertiliser. Government is promoting organic farming on priority in the country for improving soil health and water retention through of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) in all the States/UTs including Bihar and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER).

Under PKVY, assistance of Rs. 31,500 per ha for a period of three years is provided for promotion of organic farming to cover different components like training & capacity building, data management, Participatory Guarantee System- India Certification, value addition, marketing and publicity. Out of this, the assistance of Rs. 15,000 per ha for a period of three years is provided to farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer for on- farm /off –farm organic inputs.

Under MOVCDNER, assistance of Rs. 46,500/ha for 3 years is provided for creation of Farmers Producer Organization, support to farmers for organic inputs, quality seeds/ planting material and training, hand holding and certification. Out of this, assistance @ Rs. 32500/ ha for 3 years is provided to farmers for off -farm /on –farm organic inputs under the scheme including Rs. 15,000 as Direct Benefit Transfer to the farmers and Rs. 17,500 for the planting material to be given to the farmers.

The Government has approved the Market Development Assistance (MDA) @ Rs. 1500/MT to promote organic fertilizers, viz., FOM/LFOM/PROM PRODUCED at plants under GOBARdhan scheme.

(b): National Center of Organic and Natural Farming and its Regional Center of Organic and Natural Farming located at Ghaziabad, Nagpur, Bangalore, Imphal and Bhubaneswar are organizing various trainings programmes, online awareness campaigns and training programmes on organic and natural farming, and production and use of organic and bio-fertilizers.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research also imparts trainings, organizes front-line demonstrations, awareness programs etc. to educate farmers on organic farming, through network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

The State-wise details of financial assistance including training to farmers under the PKVY including Bihar and MOVCNDR is given at **Annexure – I**.

Government of Bihar has informed that various initiatives, financial assistance, and training programs are being provided to farmers to promote organic farming through schemes such as the Jaivik Corridor Yojana and Jaivik Kheti Protsahan. Under Jaivik Corridor Yojana a financial assistance of Rs. Rs. 24,500/Acre over a period of three years, is provided to farmers. A total 21119 farmer trained in Phase –I and 20273 farmers are trained on organic farming in Phase II. The district –wise/ phase - wise farmers trained under Jaivik Corridor Yojana is given at **Annexure- II**.

(c): There are no plans of Government of India to purchase food grains produced by farmers through exclusive natural farming.

(d): The Government of India has been promoting Natural Farming (NF) since 2019-20 under Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP), which has been upscaled as “National Mission on Natural Farming” (NMNF), approved by Government of India on 25.11.2024.

NF is a chemical free farming practice involving livestock integrated natural farming methods using cow dung and urine for its input like Jeevamrut, Beejamrut, etc and diversified crop systems rooted in the Indian traditional knowledge. 10,000 need-based Bio-Input Resource Centers (BRCs) shall be set up with Gaushalas/ Self Help Groups/ Farmer producer organisations/ PACS to provide easy access to natural farming inputs to farmers, to utilise cow-based urine and dung.

## Annexure- I

## State-wise details of financial assistance including training to farmers under the PKVY (including Bihar) and MOVCDNER scheme since 2023-24

S. No.	Name of the State	2023-24	2024-25
		Release	Release
<b>PKVY (Rs. in Lakh)</b>			
1	Andhra Pradesh	970.00	1398.00
2	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>402.00</b>	<b>205.00</b>
3	Chhattisgarh	1892.50	1188.00
4	Gujarat	196.00	141.00
5	Goa	250.00	70.50
6	Haryana	0.00	0.00
7	Jharkhand	163.00	199.00
8	Karnataka	2803.00	974.00
9	Kerala	71.00	196.00
10	Madhya Pradesh	33.00	750.00
11	Maharashtra	1681.00	628.00
12	Odisha	791.00	373.50
13	Punjab	0.00	0.00
14	Rajasthan	800.00	750.00
15	Tamil Nadu	1564.00	412.00
16	Telangana	0.00	212.00
17	Uttar Pradesh	5881.00	1125.00
18	West Bengal	1717.00	373.75
19	Himachal Pradesh	124.00	186.00
20	Jammu & Kashmir	148.00	335.50
21	Uttarakhand	767.00	1400.00
22	Andman & Nicobar	33.00	0.00
23	Puducherry	16.20	0.00
24	Ladakh	183.00	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20485.70</b>	<b>10917.25</b>
<b>MOVCDNER (Rs. in Lakh)</b>			
1	Assam	3684.91	2030.99
2	Manipur	2805.38	0.00
3	Meghalaya	2465.40	590.00
4	Nagaland	2346.10	1062.00
5	Mizoram	2336.16	573.00
6	Arunachal Pradesh	2574.75	988.00
7	Sikkim	3260.69	487.00
8	Tripura	3370.04	906.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22843.43</b>	<b>6636.99</b>

**Annexure- II****District Wise/ Phase- wise trained farmers under Jaivik Corridor Yojana in Bihar**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>District Name</b>	<b>Jaivik Corridor Yojana</b>	
		<b>Phase –I (2019-20 to 2021-22)</b>	<b>Phase –I (2019-20 to 2021-22)</b>
1	Begusarai	1789	2226
2	Bhagalpur	2028	1168
3	Bhojpur	1072	1782
4	Buxar	977	1478
5	Katihar	888	1367
6	Khagaria	998	579
7	Lakhisarai	1629	503
8	Munger	771	495
9	Patna	1430	1857
10	Samastipur	3425	2016
11	Saran	1462	2147
12	Vaishali	2156	2538
13	Nalanda	2494	2117
<b>Total</b>		<b>21119</b>	<b>20273</b>

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