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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2427
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/03/2025

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATURAL FARMING IN HARYANA

2427. SMT. KIRAN CHOWDHURY:

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

- (a) whether Government has initiated or plans to implement natural farming practices in Haryana to reduce dependency on chemical fertilizers and pesticides ;
- (b) the areas in Haryana where natural farming is being promoted, including pilot projects or ongoing schemes and the number of farmers participating in these initiatives;
- (c) the support provided to farmers in Haryana for transitioning to natural farming, including financial assistance, training programs and technical guidance; and
- (d) the impact of natural farming on agricultural productivity, soil health and environmental sustainability in Haryana?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The Union Cabinet approved the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) on 25th November 2024 as a centrally sponsored scheme with an overall outlay of ₹2481 crore (Government of India share of ₹1584 crore and States' share of ₹897 crore), till the 15th Finance Commission period, to encourage farmers to promote Natural Farming (NF) across the country including Haryana. As per the Annual Action Plan (AAP) submitted by Haryana, 165 clusters (125 farmers per cluster) covering an area of 8,250 Ha has been approved for 2025-26 for promotion of NF in Haryana.

Additionally, the State Government of Haryana has informed that 1,45,000 farmers have registered for the "Natural Farming" scheme implemented by the State since 2022 in all districts. The State has allocated ₹26.50 crores under Natural Farming during 2024-25 from the State budget.

In the AAP of Haryana for 2025-26, a provision of support to farmers to transition to NF is there. An output based incentive of ₹4,000 per acre per farmer per year up to 2 years is provisioned for trained farmers to practise NF package of practices. Each farmer is eligible for support upto a maximum area of 1 acre. Further, the following training programmes have been approved for the enrolled farmers from identified clusters:

- 2 rounds of 1 day training program at linked training institution, i.e., Krishi Vigyan Kendras/ Agricultural Universities/ Local Natural Farming Institutions
- 2 programs of 1 day training program per year for 2 years at NF model demonstration farms of farmer fields

(d): The impact of natural farming on agricultural productivity, soil health and environmental sustainability in Haryana has not yet been evaluated.
