# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

### RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3202

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 28/03/2025** 

#### PROMOTION OF NATURAL FARMING UNDER NMNF

#### 3202. SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

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

- (a) the current status of Government's announcement to bring 1 crore farmers across the country into natural farming in next two years;
- (b) the funds allocated and disbursed to States for the same;
- (c) the number of farmers brought into natural farming under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) till date; and
- (d) the number of Natural Farming Model Demonstration Farms established till date?

#### **ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): The Union Cabinet has approved the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) on 25th November 2024 as a centrally sponsored scheme to encourage 1 crore farmers to adopt Natural Farming (NF) across the country till the 15th Finance Commission period. The scheme has a total outlay of ₹2481.00 crore (in Centre: State share - 90:10 for Hilly & North Eastern States and 60:40 for all other States). The scheme guidelines were circulated on 26th December 2024 and Annual Action Plan (AAP) of 33 States/ Union Territories (UT) have been approved till date. Since the approval of the scheme, in the Financial Year 2024-25, ₹177.78 lakhs has been released to various States/UTs as per approved AAPs.

Under the NMNF scheme, training at Centres' of Natural Farming (CoNF) have been initiated across States/UTs. Additionally, 70,021 Krishi Sakhis have already been trained on Soil Health & NF. All other activities envisaged in NMNF have been started and are at different stages of implementation in States/UTs, including enrollment of farmers and development of NF Model Demonstration Farms.

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