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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3888**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/04/2025

**PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING IN MAHARASHTRA**

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

- (a) the steps that have been taken to promote organic farming and reduce dependency on chemical fertilizers in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether there are any incentives for farmers who adopt biofertilizers and organic soil; and
- (c) whether any studies have been conducted on the long-term impact of organic farming on soil health in Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): Government is promoting organic farming in the country through the scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) including in Maharashtra. The PKVY scheme provides end-to-end support to organic farmers i.e. from production to processing, certification and marketing in cluster based approach. The main focus of the scheme is to promote natural resource based integrated and climate resilient sustainable farming systems that ensure maintenance and increase of soil fertility, natural resource conservation, on-farm nutrient recycling and minimize dependence of farmers on external inputs. Under the scheme, organic clusters are formed where preference is given to small and marginal farmers to help them create supply chain.

Under PKVY scheme, States/UTs are provided financial assistance of Rs.31,500/ha over 3 years is provided for promotion of organic farming to cover different components like training, PGS Certification, value addition, marketing and publicity. Out of this, assistance of Rs.15,000 per ha over three years is provided to farmers through DBT for on- farm /off –farm organic inputs including biofertilizers. Government of Maharashtra has reported that 66756 ha area has been covered under organic farming involving 87350 farmers under the PKVY scheme since 2015-16.

(c) Government of Maharashtra has informed that no such studies have been conducted on the long-term impact of organic farming on soil health in Maharashtra.

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