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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1447**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/12/2025

**PROMOTION OF ORGANIC AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE PRACTICES  
IN KARNATAKA**

1447. SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA

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

- (a) whether the Government has promoted organic farming and sustainable agricultural practices in Karnataka;
- (b) the number of farmers and hectares of land certified under organic farming programs;
- (c) whether financial support, training, and market linkages have been provided for organic produce; and
- (d) the steps taken to encourage environmentally friendly and climate-resilient farming practices?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): Several schemes have been initiated to promote sustainable agriculture in the State of Karnataka. Per Drop More Crop scheme is implemented to increase water use efficiency at the farm level through Micro Irrigation technologies i.e. drip and sprinkler irrigation systems. Rainfed Area Development scheme is implemented to promote Integrated Farming System for enhancing productivity and minimizing risks associated with climatic variability. The Soil Health Card assist farmers in promoting Integrated Nutrient Management through judicious use of fertilizers. Natural farming is promoted through National Mission on Natural Farming. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture and Agroforestry also promote climate resilience in agriculture.

Organic farming is being promoted through Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) in the State of Karnataka since 2015-16. The scheme stresses on end-to-end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification and marketing. Under PKVY, assistance of Rs. 31,500 per ha in 3 years is provided for farmers for promotion of organic farming. Out of this, assistance of Rs. 15,000 per ha is provided to farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer for on- farm /off –farm organic inputs. The financial assistance includes support for training and market linkages for organic produce.

The Government is implementing organic certification program namely, Participatory Guarantee System of India (PGS-India) through Ministry of Agriculture and farmers' Welfare and National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) through Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under Ministry of Commerce & Industries. Under the PGS – India, 43,394.16 ha. has been certified and under NPOP, 53,631.61 ha. has been certified in Karnataka.

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