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RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/12/2025

PROMOTION OF NATURAL FARMING PRACTICES

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

- (a) the number of districts identified for natural farming clusters;
- (b) any prominent omissions in district-wise coverage of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK);
- (c) total farmers trained under the programme;
- (d) role of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in technology dissemination;
- (e) measures for market linkage of natural-farming produce; and
- (f) whether pilot projects are being scaled up in major States?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) is implemented in coordination with the States/UTs on the basis of Action Plan proposed by the States/UTs. Till date, 17,639 Natural Farming Clusters have been formed in 623 districts and 8.79 lakh farmers have been trained under the Mission.

(d): The Operational Guidelines of National Mission on Natural Farming envisage the role of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) to provide on-field training to the Community Resource Persons (CRPs)/ Krishi Sakhis and farmers at model demonstration farms covering locally relevant package of natural farming practices and preparation of inputs such as Beejamrut, Jeevamrut, Neemastra etc.

(e) & (f): To promote market linkage and ensuring quality control of natural farming produce online Natural Farming Certification System (NFCS) has been developed by National Centre for Organic & Natural Farming (NCONF), Ghaziabad under Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare in the name of Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) – INDIA- NATURAL. The online certification system has been made live for online registration and certification of the Natural Farming Farmers.
