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TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/02/2026

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATURAL FARMING CLUSTERS UNDER NMNF

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

- (a) the progress that has been recorded in the establishment of natural farming clusters under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) particularly in Kushinagar;
- (b) whether Government has extended technical training to farmers for adopting chemical-free agricultural practices across States, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the extent to which Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and agri-startups have been integrated with natural farming initiatives to strengthen market access, the details thereof; and
- (d) to what extent millet-based natural farming has been promoted in line with India's global nutrition commitments?

ANSWER

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

(a): The National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) is implemented in the country from 2024-25 to promote Natural Farming including in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Under the Mission 17,267 clusters have been formed covering area of 8.52 lakh hectares (as on 31.01.2026). For the State of UP, 1886 Clusters have been formed under the Mission, out of which, 41 clusters are in Kushinagar District.

(b): The Government extends technical training to farmers for adoption of chemical free natural farming under the Mission through State Agricultural Universities, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), Local Natural Farming Institutions (LNFis) and Farmer Master Trainers for taking up natural farming. Till date 17,06,117 farmers have been covered under the Mission.

(c) & (d): To promote market linkage of natural farming produce, NMNF is implemented in convergence with the Central Sector Scheme on Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). So far, 184 FPOs have adopted natural farming. Also, farmers are encouraged to take up millet-based natural farming as millets are climate friendly requiring less inputs. Efforts are made to provide exposure to FPOs to different online marketing platforms. FPOs are connected with the industry and Agri-business organizations for improved market access through Melas/ Exhibitions etc. where industries are invited for B2B linkages. Weekly webinars are organized for FPOs by this Ministry where industry experts guide FPOs on doing business.
