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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1442
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31/07/2026

SCHEMES TO PROMOTE NATURAL FARMING

1442. SHRI MADAN RATHORE:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that natural farming is beneficial for good health; and
- (b) if so, the scheme to promote it, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Union Cabinet approved the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) on 25th November 2024 as a centrally sponsored scheme which is being implemented across the country to promote natural farming. Natural Farming is a chemical free farming, involving livestock integrated farming methods. Natural farming improves soil health, restores ecosystems and reduces input cost to the farmer to achieve greater climate resilience. The support provided to farmers to facilitate the transition towards natural farming includes training of Community Resource Persons (CRPs) and farmers on the practices of natural farming, support of ₹ 50,000/- for establishment of per Model Demonstration Farm (MDF) in Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), State Agricultural University (SAU), Local Natural Farming Institute (LNFI) and Farmer Master Trainer (FMT) field, support of ₹ 1,00,000/- for establishment of per Bio-input Resource Centres (BRCs) for easy availability of natural farming inputs, certification facilities to farmers adopting natural farming for which financial assistance of ₹2,100 per hectare is provided for a period of two years and output based Incentive of ₹4000/- per acre, per year to a farmer for 2 years (up to 1 acre per farmer).

Till date, 23,331 clusters have been formed covering 11.44 lakh Ha area, 23.13 lakh farmers enrolled, 7,851 Bio-Input Resource Centres (BRCs) established and 37,031 Krishi Sakhi/Community Resource Persons (CRPs) trained under the Mission. More than 22.49 lakh farmers have been registered under the natural farming certification system so far, out of which certificates have been issued to more than 14.22 lakh farmers. This certification system helps farmers establish the credibility of their natural products and strengthens their market presence to get premium price of their produce.
