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ORGANIC NATION

1145. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE †ãðŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण
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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote organic farming through cluster development mode to help the country to become a chemical-free Organic Nation;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme offered to the farmers under cluster development; and
- (c) the criteria/norms formulated therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): Yes, Government of India has been implementing the schemes of Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) under National Mission of Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) to promote organic farming in the country to become a chemical free farming in the country. The detail of the schemes/ criteria/ norms is given at **Annexure-I and II.**

Annexure-I

Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) is the first comprehensive scheme launched as a Centrally Sponsored Programme (CSP) since 2015-16, which now has been revised for next 3 years. The scheme is implemented with a 90:10 (GoI: State Govt.) funding pattern in 8 NE states and 3 hilly states of J& K, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, 100% in Union Territory and 60:40 funding pattern in remaining states of the country. The new guidelines of the scheme has been uploaded in the website www.agricoop.nic.in/guidelines/integrated-nutrient-management

The scheme PKVY is implemented by the State Government on per hectare basis for 500-1000 hectare area in each cluster. A group of farmers having a total area of 20 hectare as far as possible in contiguous patch within a village. The farmer within a group can avail benefit to a maximum of 2 ha., and the limit of assistance is Rs.50, 000 per ha., out of which 62% i.e., Rs. 31,000 is given as incentives to a farmer for organic conversion, organic inputs, on farm inputs, production infrastructure, etc., shall be provided directly through DBT during the conversion period of 3 years. The target of an area of around 4 lacks ha is proposed to be covered in the 3 years which is double the area covered in last three years.

Criteria of the scheme as per new guidelines

- A) For selection of areas/ Farmers' groups:
- Organic farming under PKVY will be promoted preferably in hilly, tribal and rain-fed areas.
 - Cluster approach will be adopted in large patches of up to 1000 ha area in plan areas and 500 ha area in hilly areas.
 - Cluster chosen shall be in contiguous patch, as far as possible, may be extending over few adjacent villages (but not over large areas in sparsely distributed villages).
 - Formation of Gram Panchayat based Farmer Producer Organizations will be encouraged or already existing FPOs will be promoted under the scheme
 - In a cluster, there should be maximum number of small and marginal farmers. Women farmers/ SHGs should be given preference.
 - Success in marketing shall be one of the key components taken up for outcome evaluation along with other indicators such as soil health improvement, reduction in cost of cultivation etc.
- B) The Norms for provision of fund:
- Rs.10.00 lakh for 20 ha. (1 group) over a period of three years for different activities like- Programme implementation, through Support agencies, PGS certification through Regional Council, Incentives to farmers through DBT and Value addition, Marketing, publicity in the revised guidelines of PKVY .
- C) For allocation of funds to States:
- Timely submission of quarterly reports on financial (fund utilization/submission of Utilization Certificates) and physical progress (area, crop details) reports.
 - Effective use of existing FPOs convergence with other schemes, adoption of innovative value addition and marketing strategies will be considered while

Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region

Realizing the potential of organic farming in the North Eastern Region of the country, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched a **Central Sector Scheme** entitled **“Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region”** for implementation in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, during 2015-16 to 2017-18. The scheme aims at development of certified organic production in a value chain mode to link growers with consumers and to support the development of entire value chain starting from inputs, seeds, certification and creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing, marketing and brand building initiative. The scheme was approved with an outlay of Rs. 400 crore for three years. The guidelines of the scheme has been uploaded in the website www.agricoop.nic.in/guidelines/integrated-nutrient-management

The assistance is provided for cluster development, on/off farm input production, supply of seeds/ planting materials, setting up of functional infrastructure, establishment of integrated processing unit, refrigerated transportation, pre-cooling /cold stores chamber, branding labeling and packaging, hiring of space, hand holdings, organic certification through third party, mobilization of farmers/processors etc. Under this scheme, an area of 50,000 ha have been targeted to be covered under organic farming in North Eastern Region of the country during the period of three years i.e. from year 2015-16 to 2017-18. The project is envisaged to empower 50000 farmers of North East Region through creation of 100 farmers Producer companies.

Major components of MOVCDNER:

1. Value Chain Production
2. Value Chain Processing
3. Value Chain Marketing
4. Value Chain Support Agencies

Criteria of the scheme

MOVCDNER empowers producer with programme ownerships by organizing them into Farmers Interested Groups (FIGs) with final aims to federate into Farmers Producers Organizations/ Companies developing end to end facilities for production, processing, storage and marketing. In the scheme a group of farmers who are willing to grow/cultivate specific crop will follow the ICS Management, documentation and organic certification, through PGS/ Third Party System under National Programme of Organic Production (NPOP). The scheme primary focus is to mobilize small and marginal farmers on the basis of commonality of produce. Initially farmers are mobilized into groups of 20 farmers each covering 20 ha area known as Farmers Interest Groups (FIGs) later 25 such groups are formed into Farmer Producer Company.
