GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1151 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH DECEMBER, 2018

TRAINING CAMPS FOR FARMERS

1151. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to work towards giving practical shape to Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) for which NITI Aayog will provide all assistance and organised a national conference in this regard very recently in the capital;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to organise training camps for farmers to shift towards natural agriculture which protects soil from degradation, help in retaining soil fertility and is climate-change resilient; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (d): In the National level Consultation -cum-Conference held at NITI Aayog, on 9th July,2018 a decision was taken to undertake scientific evaluation of ZBNF and develop protocol / standards for ZBNF by ICAR.

Govt. of India is promoting organic farming in the country through the dedicated schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA). Capacity building of farmers is integral part of these schemes/components.

In the revised guidelines of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) scheme flexibility is given to states to adopt any model of organic farming that suits the farmers with Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) certification.
