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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1771**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2019

**ORGANIC FARMING**

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

- (a) the details of the present status of organic farming in the country;
- (b) whether any steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make the pattern of this traditional farming economical and profitable;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the training workshops are being organised by the Government to create awareness about technique and benefits of organic farming in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of such workshops organised by the Government in the country including Rajasthan and Maharashtra during the last three years and the current year along with the number of farmers participated in these workshops?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री ( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The area covered under the two dedicated schemes of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) i.e., Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) is 5.8 lakh hectares and 63,850 hectares respectively. An area of 19.3 lakh hectares has been covered under 3<sup>rd</sup> party certification of Agriculture Processed Food and Export Development Authority (APEDA).

(b) & (c): Government of India has been promoting organic farming in the States through dedicated schemes namely MOVCDNER and PKVY since 2015-16. Both the schemes aim at promotion of cluster/ Farmers Producer Organization (FPO) based chemical free, low input cost, sustainable organic farming and support farmers from input procurement to market linkages.

Organic Farming has also been supported under other schemes viz. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Network Project on Organic Farming under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Third party certification of organic farming is promoted by Agriculture Processed Food and Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce.

(d) & (e): The Department has been focusing on creating awareness and educating the farmers about organic farming practices in the areas where clusters are formed. There is a provision of Rs. 80,000 per cluster under PKVY for the mobilization of farmers which has been allocated for 10,000 clusters of Phase I. The National Centre of Organic Farming (NCOF), Ghaziabad, a subordinate office of Department of Agriculture Cooperation (DAC&FW) undertakes extension and publicity activities through the print and electronic media. It organizes 30 days certificate course on organic farming, 10 days refresher course for analysts under the Fertilizer Control Order (FCO), etc. Farmers' Training and Field Demonstration (FTFD) programmes have been conducted since 2015-16 under "Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana" (SAGY). The total number of farmers/ persons benefitted through training, campaign etc. is 56344. The details are given at **Annexure I**.

The number of capacity building trainings conducted for the farmers in each state including State of Rajasthan and Maharashtra under PKVY scheme is given at **Annexure II**.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research, Modipuram under the research scheme on All India Network Program on Organic Farming (AI-NPOF) has developed 51 cropping systems and conducted workshops in Rajasthan. The details are given at **Annexure-III**.

## Annexure- I

### Details of Training/Campaign organized by National Centre of Organic Farming (NCOF).

Sl. No.	Item/Components	Year	Target	Achievements	Persons benefitted
1	<b>30 Days training programme</b>	2013-14	3	3	92
		2014-15	3	3	90
		2015-16	3	3	81
		2016-17	3	3	90
		2017-18	3	3	90
		2018-19	10	04	120
2	<b>Farmers' Training and Field demo</b>	2015-16	300	298	18051
		2016-17	296	294	16580
		2017-18	110	110	5744
		2018-19	100	59	3543
3	<b>Jaivik Krishi Sammelan</b>	2016-17	11	11	6481
		2017-18	14	14	9005
		2018-19	14	03	1503
4	<b>Skill development training</b>	2016-17	2	2	40
		2017-18	-	-	-
		2018-19	02	-	-
	<b>Total</b>				<b>60007</b>

<b>State-wise details of no. of capacity building/ training conducted under PKVY &amp; MOVCDNER during 2015-16 to 2018-19</b>			
	<b>Name of the State</b>	<b>Total no. of training/awareness/capacity building programs under PKVY Scheme</b>	<b>Total no. of training/awareness/capacity building programs under MOVCDNER* Scheme</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	26500	–
2	Bihar	2135	–
3	Chhattisgarh	6000	–
4	Gujarat	500	–
5	Goa	2520	–
6	Haryana	100	–
7	Jharkhand	1250	–
8	Karnataka	2725	–
9	Kerala	3095	–
10	Madhya Pradesh	19140	–
11	<b>Maharashtra</b>	<b>354</b>	–
12	Odisha	5200	–
13	Punjab	1250	–
14	<b>Rajasthan</b>	<b>2705</b>	–
15	Tamil Nadu	1560	–
16	Telangana	3450	–
17	Uttar Pradesh	3100	–
18	West Bengal	600	–
19	Assam	1100	220
20	Arunachal Pradesh	95	240
21	Mizoram	170	170
22	Manipur	150	265
23	Nagaland	120	640
24	Sikkim	750	400
25	Tripura	250	80
26	Meghalaya	225	35
27	Himachal Pradesh	1050	–
28	Jammu & Kashmir	140	–
29	Uttarakhand	22425	–
30	Andman & Nicobar	340	–
31	Daman & Diu	275	–
32	Dadar & Nagar	2500	–
33	Delhi	2500	–
34	Puducherry	40	–
35	Chandigarh	325	–
36	Lakshadweep	675	–
	<b>Total</b>	<b>115314</b>	<b>2050</b>
<b>*MOVCDNER Scheme is implemented in North-Eastern States only</b>			

**Annexure-III****Workshops conducted by ICAR- Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research, Modipuram under the research scheme on All India Network Program on Organic Farming (AI-NPOF)**

Sl. No	State	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20	
		Number of trainings/ workshops	Number of participants	Number of trainings/ workshops	Number of participants	Number of trainings/ workshops	Number of participants	Number of trainings/ workshops	Number of participants
1	Rajasthan	2	57	4	248	4	124	1	24

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