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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2148**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

**PROMOTION OF NATURAL FARMING**

2148. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:  
DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to facilitate one crore farmers to adopt natural farming over the next three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to set up 10,000 Bio-Input Resource Centres for creating a national-level distributed micro-fertilizer and pesticide manufacturing network;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. In order to involve more farmers and enhance the reach of natural farming on a larger scale, Government has formulated Natural Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) by up-scaling the Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP) to promote natural farming across the country. NMNF will cover 7.5 lakh ha area by developing 15,000 clusters in next 4 years with total budget outlay of Rs. 1584 crore (GoI Share). With NMNF Government proposes to touch 1 crore farmers along the Ganga belt and in other rainfed parts of the country. For making easy access to bio- resources like Jeevamrit, Ghana Jeevamrit, neemastra etc., Government intends to set up 15,000 Bhartiya Prakritik Kheti Bio-inputs Resources Centres (BRCs).

(c) & (d): Yes Sir. In order to provide farmers adopting natural farming an easy access to bio resources like Jeevaamrit, Ghana Jeevamrit, neemastra etc. wherein cow dung and

urine, neem and bio culture play an important role, Government intends to set up Bhartiya Prakritik Kheti Bio-inputs Resources Centres (BRCs) to prepare and supply bio-inputs to facilitate the adoption of natural farming without individual farmers having to prepare them on their own, as preparation of bio-inputs is a time taking and labour- intensive activity. These bio-inputs resources centres would be set up alongside 15000 model clusters of natural farming 50 ha each. These BRCs would create a national level distributed micro fertilizers and pesticides manufacturing network @ 1 BRC per 50 ha clusters during the period from 2022-23 to 2025-26.

(e): Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare (DA&FW) is undertaking large scale training of Master Trainers, Champion Farmers and practicing farmers on techniques of Natural Farming through National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) and National Center of Organic and Natural Farming (NCONF). MANAGE has also sensitized the public representative like Gram-Pradhan on the technique and benefits of Natural Farming. Study material on 22 regional languages has been prepared, 697 Master Trainers have been developed on natural farming and 997 training were conducted on natural farming for 56952 Gram Pradhans through MANAGE. In addition, Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has initiated research in 20 locations to validate natural farming techniques besides demonstrating in 425 KVKs to showcase the benefits of natural farming.

A Digital web portal (***naturalfarming.dac.gov.in***) has been launched for promotion of natural farming to display information about implementation framework, resources, implementation progress, farmer's registration, blog etc.

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