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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3294**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2023

**PROMOTION OF NATURAL FARMING**

3294. SHRI SANJAY SETH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has also shown interest in promoting natural farming and any scheme has been formulated to encourage the farmers engaged in natural farming in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any amount has been released for the purpose of promoting natural farming and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to promote natural farming and attract the farmers towards natural farming and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Government is promoting natural farming since 2019-2020 through a sub-scheme namely Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP) under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY). The scheme mainly emphasizes on exclusion of all synthetic chemical inputs and promotes on-farm biomass recycling with major stress on biomass mulching, use of cow dung-urine formulations and other plant based preparations. Under BPKP, natural farming is being promoted in cluster of 500 ha and Rs. 12200.00 is provided per ha for three years, in which Rs. 2000 is provided as incentives to farmers through DBT. So far 4.09 lakh ha area has been brought under BPKP.

To encourage more farmers engaged in natural farming and enhance the reach of natural farming on larger scale, Government has formulated National 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 (Gol Share).

(c): The State-wise details of amount released for the purpose of promoting natural farming under BPKP is given at **Annexure- I**.

(d): Government 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.

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.

**Annexure- I.**

**State-wise details of amount released under BPKP to promote natural farming**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>States</b>	<b>Area in Ha</b>	<b>Amount released (Rs in lakh)</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	100000	750.00
2.	Chhattisgarh	85000	1352.52
3.	Kerala	84000	1954.93
4.	Himachal Pradesh	12000	286.42
5	Jharkhand	3400	54.10
6.	Odisha	24000	381.89
7.	Madhya Pradesh	99000	787.64
8.	Tamil Nadu	2000	31.82
Total		409400	5599.32

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