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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3185
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH AUGUST, 2023

CERTIFICATION MECHANISM

3185. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

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

- (a) whether there is a certification mechanism for natural farming products so that consumers can identify the easily;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken to promote Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) specifically practicing natural farming in the country?

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 promotion of chemical free farming traditional and natural farming 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. Certification under Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP) under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) is being facilitated through training led PGS-India Certification System, in which PKVY-BPKP Cluster/Local Group farmers have to undergo training during each cropping session.

(c): For collectivization of small and marginal farmers through formation of Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) as the most effective and appropriate institutional mechanism to reduce cost of production and facilitate better market linkage to enhance net income, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare has been implementing Central Sector Scheme, "Formation and promotion of 10,000 Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs)" since 2020. Under the scheme 100 FPOs have been allotted for natural farming to two

Implementing Agencies (IAs) i.e. Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) & National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED). Government of India is also promoting Chemical free farming through FPO formation under Mission Organic value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) scheme since 2015-16. Under the scheme, 379 FPOs have been formed and 1.73 lakh ha area has been covered under chemical free farming.
