

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 895
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2023

NATIONAL MISSION ON NATURAL FARMING

895. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:

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

- (a) whether the natural farming is a chemical free farming method based on locally available resources that encourages traditional indigenous methods and frees producers from dependence on external inputs and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the National Mission on Natural Farming has been launched by the Government as a special effort to promote natural farming in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any incentive is also provided by the Government to the farmers engaged in natural farming under the said mission and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Yes Sir, Natural farming is a chemical free farming method based on locally available resources that encourage traditional indigenous methods and frees producers from dependence on external inputs.

Government is promoting natural farming since 2019-2020 through a sub-scheme namely Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP) under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY). Natural farming is chemical free farming based on the integrated agriculture and animal husbandry approach using livestock and local resources and relies on on-farm biomass recycling with major stress on biomass mulching, use of on-farm cow dung-urine formulations from local lives tocks.

So far 4.09 lakh ha area has been brought under natural farming in 8 states viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu under BPKP

Under BPKP, natural faming is being promoted in cluster of 500 ha and financial assistance of Rs 12200.00 per ha for three years is provided as incentive to farmer through DBT.

(b): No Sir.

(c): Does not arise.
