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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 650**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2024

**DATA OF FARMERS PRACTICING ORGANIC AND NATURAL FARMING**

650. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:  
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has data of the farmers who have adopted natural and organic farming system in the country, if so, the details thereof and the percentage thereto in each of the States;
- (b) whether the Government has increased or proposes to increase existing incentives for the farmers indulged in natural and organic farming, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made efforts to increase the sale of manures other than bio-fertilizers for the use of the farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the present status of the natural and organic farming system in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a): Government is promoting organic farming without use of chemical fertilisers in the country since 2015-16 through the schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER). PKVY is being implemented in all the States across the country except the North Eastern (NE) States. MOVCDNER scheme is being implemented exclusively in the NE States for promotion of organic farming. Both the schemes stress on end-to-end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification and marketing and post-harvest management. Training and Capacity Building are integral part of the scheme. Incentives to farmers for producing and using organic fertilizers/manure are inbuilt in these schemes as on-farm and off-farm organic inputs. Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is provided to the farmers for using organic 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). So far 4.09 lakh ha area has been sanctioned for natural farming in 8 states under BPKP across the country. An area of 1.48 lakh ha have also been sanctioned for promotion of natural farming along the Ganga Corridor under Namami Gange Project. To motivate farmers to adopt natural farming and to enhance the reach of natural farming, the Government has formulated National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) as a separate and independent scheme by up scaling the BPKP.

The schemes for Natural and Organic Farming are implemented through the State Governments and the data of the farmers who have adopted Natural and Organic Farming are available with the States Governments/ UTs.

However, a total of 40.99 lakh farmers have been registered under organic farming across the country as certified by National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) and Participatory Guarantee System (PGS).

(b): No such demand has been received from any stakeholder for increasing existing incentives for farmers indulged in natural and organic farming.

(c) & (d): Government of India is encouraging the use of organic fertilizer including the Fermented Organic Manure (FOM). Government has approved the Market Development Assistance (MDA) @ Rs. 1500/MT to promote organic fertilizers, i.e., manure produced at plants under GOBARdhan initiative covering different Biogas/CBG support schemes/ programmes of stakeholder Ministries/ Departments such as Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) scheme of MoPNG, 'Waste to Energy' programme of MNRE, Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) of DDWS, etc. with total outlay of Rs. 1451.84 Crore (FY 2023-24 to 2025-26), which includes a corpus of Rs. 360 Crore for research gap funding, etc. It will promote integrated nutrient management and reduce overuse of chemical fertilizers ensuring sustainability, soil health and better use efficiency of inputs. Government has also approved PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM). The initiative aims to save the health of Mother Earth by promoting sustainable and balanced use of fertilizers, adopting alternate fertilizers, promoting organic farming and implementing resource conservation technologies.

(e): A total of 64.04 lakh ha area has been brought under organic farming as certified by National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) and Participatory Guarantee System (PGS).

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