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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 350
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY, 2020

PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL FARMING

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

- (a) the steps being taken/likely to be taken by the Government to encourage the farmers for traditional crop farming across the country;
- (b) whether the Government is disseminating information for the farming of traditional crops, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote traditional farming at present?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government has been encouraging the farmers for traditional /organic farming in the country through the Scheme of Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) . Enough flexibility is given to States to adopt any model of traditional/organic farming including Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) depending on farmers' choice. Assistance of Rs 50000/ ha/3 year is provided for organic inputs, certification, labeling, packing, transportation and marketing of organic produce under Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY).

Organic farming of niche crops of North East Region for exports is also being supported under Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCDNER), where in Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) are supported for organic inputs, post harvest management practices including infrastructure creation, marketing in a value chain mode.

ICAR has developed Integrated Organic Farming System models and identified suitable crop species/ varieties for traditional/ organic farming. Government is disseminating information for the traditional farming by organizing training and awareness campaign/workshop and educating the farmers about traditional/ organic farming practices.
