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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2187**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022

**PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL FARMING**

2187. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

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

- (a) whether the government is considering to promote traditional farming in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any step in this regard so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government is promoting Natural Farming through Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP) introduced during 2020-21 as a sub scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) for the promotion of traditional indigenous practices including Natural Farming. The scheme mainly emphasises 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, financial assistance of Rs 12200/ha for 3 years is provided for cluster formation, capacity building and continuous handholding by trained personnel, certification and residue analysis. Until now, under natural farming an area of 4.09 lakh ha area has been covered and a total fund of Rs. 4980.99 lakh has been released to 8 States across the country. The State –wise details of funds released and area under BPKP is given at **Annexure – I**.

ICAR-Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research through All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Integrated Farming Systems and All India Network Programme on Organic Farming is undertaking the research on Integrated farming systems and organic farming in 26 States/Union Territories with the involvement of marginal and small farmers. Efforts are being made to popularize the traditional farming with the incorporation of traditional varieties of crops, native breed of livestock and other indigenous practices among the farmers.

- Under on-farm research component of AICRP on Integrated Farming System (IFS), the information on integrated farming systems and good agricultural practices are disseminated to 1920 farmers in 21 States. Traditional farming practices are also being promoted along with modern farming methods
- Under All India Network Programme on Organic Farming, traditional varieties are evaluated and identified for promotion under organic farming.

**Annexure- I****The State –wise details of funds released and area covered under Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhthi (BPKP)**

Sl. No.	States	Released date	Area in Ha	Amount released (Rs in lakh)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30.09.20	100000	750.00
2.	Chhattisgarh	09.12.20	85000	1352.52
3.	Kerala	30.09.20	84000	1336.60
4.	Himachal Pradesh	24.12.20	12000	286.42
5.	Jharkhand	02.12.20	3400	54.10
6.	Odisha	02.02.21	24000	381.89
7.	Madhya Pradesh	16.02.21	99000	787.64
8.	Tamil Nadu	16.02.21	2000	31.82
<b>Total</b>			<b>409400</b>	<b>4980.99</b>

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