

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3119
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22nd MARCH, 2022

NATURAL FARMING IN RAIN-FED AREAS

3119. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is focusing to promote natural farming in the rain-fed areas of river Yamuna as well as river Ganga and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is likely to bring new economic plans and development projects in coordination with the State Government of Haryana in the districts like Karnal, Panipat, Kurukshetra etc. which are prominent global exporter in the field of agriculture; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government is promoting chemical free farming under the names of organic and natural farming along the 5 km corridor of river Ganga basin under the flagship programme of 'Namami Ganga' under National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG). The programme is implemented through states under Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP) introduced during 2020-21 as a sub-scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY). The Namami Ganga programme has not been extended to the rain-fed area of Yamuna.

The PKVY scheme is implemented in all the States across the country including the State of Haryana. Under this scheme, farmers are provided financial assistance of Rs 31000/ha / 3 years for organic inputs such as seeds, bio-fertilisers, bio-pesticides, organic manure, compost/ vermi-compost, botanical extracts etc. In addition, support is also provided for group/ Farmers Producers Organization (FPO) formation, training, certification, value addition and marketing of their organic produce.

Under PKVY Govt. of Haryana has been sanctioned and released Rs 99.51 lac during 2015-16 to 2017-18 for 20 clusters for 400 hectare area.
