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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3199
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND MARCH, 2022

TRAINING ON NATURAL FARMING

3199: SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has made some arrangements for imparting training of techniques of natural farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the farmers are doing natural farming at present;
- (d) if so, the details of the crops being grown under natural farming, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has announced the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for food grains produced under natural farming; and
- (f) if not, the time by which the Government would take steps in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (f): ICAR-Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research (ICAR-IIFSR), Modipuram in collaboration with State and Central Institutions is organizing training on natural farming as per need.

- A total of 36 Assistant Field Officer /Agricultural Officers/Senior Agriculture Officer/Assistant Director of Agriculture/Deputy Director of Agriculture from Kerala have been trained on “Upscaling of Natural Farming Practices through BPKP for Sustainable Agriculture” during 27-29 July 2021.
- Organized training programme under Certified Farm Advisor on Natural Farming from 2018-19 in collaboration with National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Hyderabad. Under Module-II of the programme, hands on training are being given by ICAR-IIFSR. In Module-III, candidates are involved in training of farmers and implementation of natural farming practices. A total of 183 candidates from 23 States have completed the module-2 of Certified Farm Advisor and are involved in training and awareness on natural farming among farmers.

- A total of 82 Subject Matter Specialists/Farm Manager/research scholars/University officials from 24 KVKs & 2 institutions (SVPUAT & ATARI) in Uttar Pradesh have been trained on Natural during 2-3 March 2022.

National Centre of Organic farming and Natural Farming (NCONF), Ghaziabad, a subordinate office of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Government of India has a mandate to promote chemical free farming including natural farming in the country through capacity building of stakeholders.

Recently, National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) has been nominated as a Nodal organization and knowledge repository for Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP) for organization of training for master trainer on natural farming and training for farmers' for State level in collaboration with State and district level institutes and also for development of video ,films and interactive digital training module and data base for master trainer, champion farmers and Natural farming export.

Government is promoting Natural Farming through Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP) 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. Training and capacity building in natural farming practices are inbuilt component of the scheme. Until now, under natural farming, an area of 4.09 lakh ha area has been covered in 8 States across the country. The State –wise details of funds released, area and the major crops under BPKP is given at **Annexure – I**.

Government has not yet considered extending any separate Minimum Support Price (MSP) for food grains produced under natural 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)	Crops under natural farming
1.	Andhra Pradesh	30.09.20	100000	750.00	Maize, Groundnut Cashew, Citrus, Palmoil, Tomato, Cotton, Paddy
2.	Chhattisgarh	09.12.20	85000	1352.52	Rice, Wheat, Pulses
3.	Kerala	30.09.20	84000	1336.60	Paddy, Banana, Leafy Vegetables, Cucurbits, Solanaceous varieties, Bhindi, Cool Season Vegetables, Spices and Condiments., Tubers Coconut based inter crops garden like fruit plans, cocoa, nutmeg, coffee, Cashew, Pepper, Coconut, Arecanut
4.	Himachal Pradesh	24.12.20	12000	286.42	Wheat, Maize, Peas, Apple, Stone fruits, Pulses, paddy, coriander and other leafy vegetables
5	Jharkhand	02.12.20	3400	54.10	Paddy, Wheat, vegetables , pulses, oilseeds
6.	Odisha	02.02.21	24000	381.89	Rice, Turmeric, Ginger and Pulses
7.	Madhya Pradesh	16.02.21	99000	787.64	Wheat, Rice, Pulses, Soyabean,
8.	Tamil Nadu	16.02.21	2000	31.82	Vegetable crops
Total			409400	4980.99	
