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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4335
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH MARCH, 2022

SHASHWAT BHARAT KRUSHI RATH

4335: SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

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

- (a) the salient features of the knowledge envisioned to be spread through the “Shashwat Bharat Krushi Rath”;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated for the effective continuation and expansion of “Shashwat Bharat Krushi Rath”;
- (c) the States envisioned to be a part of “Shashwat Bharat Krushi Rath” by the Government;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to include knowledge-sharing concerning soil health, healthy farming practises, disaster resilience to protect crops etc. as part of “Shaswat Bharat Krushi Rath”;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the way in which “Shashwat Bharat Krushi Rath” would aid in helping farmers to contribute towards achieving the climate targets of India; and
- (g) the ways in which “Shashwat Bharat Krushi Rath” would aid in improving income of farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (g) The “ Shashwat Bharat Krushi Rath” is not an initiative of the Government of India.

However, Government has been implementing dedicated schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region

(MOVCDNER) to promote and popularize chemical input free farming among farmers. Under the schemes, assistance is provided for cluster formation, training of farmers, organic input procurement/ on-farm preparation, post harvest management including marketing. Under PKVY financial assistance of Rs. 1.06 lac per cluster of 20 hectare is provided for exhibition, trade fair, local publicity, marketing initiative etc. under MOVCDNER need based assistance is provided for consumer awareness, information, dissemination, marketing initiative like buyer seller meet, publicity, workshop etc. Farmers are provided subsidy of Rs 31000/ ha / 3 years under PKVY and 32500/ ha/ 3 years under MOVCDNER for various organic inputs including organic manure. A budget of Rs 650 crores is allocated for the financial year 2021-22 to promote organic/ bio input based organic farming in the country.

Government has also been implementing Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP) as a sub scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) since 2020-21 for the promotion of traditional/ natural indigenous practices by utilization of agricultural waste and animal dung. The scheme mainly emphasizes 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. As of now, an area of 4.09 lakh ha has been covered in 8 states.
