

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 135
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JULY, 2022

NATURAL FARMING

*135. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that agriculture contributes a significant amount to the GDP, reaching the level of even 30% in the previous months;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to support and encourage natural farming in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) the budget spent on raising awareness about natural farming amongst farmers during the last three years;
- (d) whether there are any special natural farming schemes specifically for women farmers; and
- (e) 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 (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 135 DUE FOR REPLY ON 26TH JULY, 2022.

(a): As per Provisional Estimates of National Income, released by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on 31st May 2022, the share of Agriculture and Allied Sectors in Gross Value Added (GVA) of the country in 2021-22 is 18.6%.

(b) to (e): 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.

So far, in Andhra Pradesh Rs. 750 lakh has been released to the State to bring 100000 ha area under Natural Farming and Annual Action Plan for 150000 ha area has been approved.

MANAGE is designated as "Knowledge partner for Natural Farming extension" and is initiating training of Master Trainers and sensitization of 30,000 Gram Pradhans through 750 online workshops from April to 15th August 2022 and in 2021-22 an amount of Rs 175.75 lakh has been released. During current year, MANAGE has organized 647 awareness courses and exposed 38762 Gram Pradhans to Natural Farming. National Centre of Organic Farming has been reconstituted as National Centre for Organic and Natural Farming (NCONF) to promote chemical free farming including natural farming in the country through capacity building of stakeholders. NCONF has trained 7100 farmers through 37 trainings programmes. DA&FW released Rs 11.94 crore to initiate trainings of farmers through 425 KVKS which will be model training and demonstration centres. 72 TV programmes and 42 Radio programmes have been done on Natural Farming.

There are no special natural farming schemes specifically for women farmers as natural farming is not gender specific scheme. The State-wise details of funds released and area under BPKP is given at **Annexure**.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to part (b) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Q. No. *135 due for answer on 26/07/2022

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 (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
Total			409400	4980.99
