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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1447
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26Th JULY, 2022

ECO-FRIENDLY TECHNIQUES FOR SMALL FARMERS

1447 SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government concurs with the view that concerted efforts are needed to make eco-friendly techniques which are economically viable especially for small farmers;
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Keeping in view the soil health, adverse effects due to indiscriminate use of agro-chemicals, depleting natural resources such as water and chemical contamination in food chain need is being realized to integrate eco-friendly techniques in agriculture. Organic farming and natural farming have been identified as relevant technologies which are not only environment friendly but are also productive and economically viable for small farmers.

Government is promoting organic farming and natural farming through dedicated schemes namely Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region (MOVCDNER). Farmers are provided financial assistance of Rs 31000/ ha / 3 years under PKVY and Rs 32500/ ha/ 3years under MOVCDNER for organic inputs such as seeds, bio-fertilizers, bio-pesticides, organic manure, compost/ vermi-compost, botanical extracts etc. Apart from this, support is also provided for Clusters/ Farmers Producers Organization (FPO) formation, training, certification, value addition and marketing of their organic produce. Organic cultivation on either side of River Ganga under Namami Gange of National Mission of Clean Ganga (NMCG), and Large Area Certification have also been introduced under PKVY to increase area under organic farming.

Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP), a sub- scheme under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) is also being implemented since 2020-21 to promote traditional indigenous practices. 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. It is also proposed to upscale the BPKP in the National Mission on Natural Farming. Ministry of Finance has given an interim approval to rollout the National Mission on Natural Farming (BPKP) and incur expenditure in 2022-23
