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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3498
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH DECEMBER, 2024

NATIONAL MISSION ON NATURAL FARMING

3498. SHRI GADDIGOUDAR PARVATAGOUDA CHANDANAGOUDA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the scheme, 'National Mission on Natural Farming';
- (b) if so, the total outlay of the project along with the share of Centre and States thereon and the estimated number of farmers are likely to be benefited under the scheme: and
- (c) the extent to which this scheme would help in the promotion of chemical-free farming and support farmers by reducing cost of cultivation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir, the Union Cabinet on 25th November 2024 approved the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) as a standalone centrally sponsored scheme with an overall outlay of ₹2481 crore (Government of India share - ₹1584 crore and States share - ₹897 crore).

The Mission has a target to initiate 1 crore farmers to natural farming through extensive training programmes to farmers on natural farming package of practices, preparation of natural inputs etc. Under the scheme, 10,000 need based bio-input resource centers are planned to provide easy access to locally produced natural farming inputs to the farmers thereby reducing dependency of farmers on external markets for purchase of inputs which will contribute to reduction in cost of cultivation.
