## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3584 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

## DATA OF FARMERS PRACTICING ORGANIC AND NATURAL FARMING

3584. SHRI TANUJ PUNIA:

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

(a) whether the Government has data of the farmers who have adopted natural and organic farming system in the country, if so, the details thereof and the percentage thereto in each of the States;

(b) whether the Government has increased or proposes to increase existing incentives for the farmers indulged in natural and organic farming, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has made efforts to increase the sale of manures other than bio-fertilizers for the use of the farmers;

- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the present status of the natural and organic farming system in the country?

## ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): The Government of India is promoting organic farming through the schemes Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and its sub scheme Bhartiya Prakratik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER). BPKP has now been up scaled to National Mission on Natural Farming which was approved by the Union Cabinet on 25th November 2024. The total number of farmers under PKVY, MOVCDNER, and BPKP are 19.37 lakh,1.89 lakh and 2.15 lakh respectively.

(b): There is no such proposal to increase existing incentives for farmers indulged in natural and organic farming.

(c) & (d): The Government of India is encouraging the use of organic fertilizers including Fermented Organic Manure (FOM). Under the schemes, PKVY and MOVCDNER, an assistance of Rs. 15,000 per Ha for a period of three years is provided through direct benefit to farmers for on-farm/ off-farm organic inputs. Under the market development assistance @ 1500 per MT is provided to promote organic fertilizers produced in plants under GOBARDHAN initiative.

(e): Natural and organic farming systems are being encouraged and supported through PKVY, MOVCDNER and National Mission on Natural Farming.