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LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH MARCH, 2025

PROCEDURE FOR ENROLLING IN NATIONAL MISSION ON NATURAL FARMING

2052. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) whether there any specific forms, documents or prerequisites required for applying for a small farmer interested in transitioning to natural farming under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) and is there any clear step-by-step process to enroll their land and whom to approach—Gram Panchayat, Block, the development Office, or Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the enrolments are open year-round or are season-specific, if a farmer misses the cluster deadline, can they enroll individually or in the next cycle, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are any designated officials or Krishi Sakhis to assist farmers, and how accessible are these resource persons for those in remote areas; if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the farmers receive training immediately, or have to wait for cluster formation;
- (e) the details of financial or technical assistance guaranteed upon enrolment or are linked to milestones; and
- (f) the manner in which does the Ministry ensure small landholders are not excluded from NMNF due to procedural or logistical barriers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

- (a): Under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF), identification of clusters is done by States/UTs. Each cluster is linked to a Training Institution, viz. Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Agriculture Universities or Local Natural Farming Institutions. Provision has been made for deployment of Krishi Sakhis/ Community Resource Persons (CRPs) in the cluster to assist farmers and enroll them.
- (b): New farmers can join the natural farming cluster at the beginning of each crop season.
- (c): Each State/ UT will designate two Krishi Sakhis/ CRPs per selected cluster.

(d): States/UTs identify clusters to initiate NMNF activities. Trainings to farmers in selected clusters is envisaged as an ongoing activity.

(e): For the trained farmers, output based incentive is envisaged in the scheme. This is to promote NF package of practices like pre monsoon dry sowing, application of NF inputs like Beejamrut, Jeevamrut, etc., diversified cropping system, etc. Each farmer can initiate NF in small landholding, and will be eligible for support under NMNF upto a maximum area of one acre.

(f): All farmers, including small and marginal farmers, are eligible to avail the benefits under the NMNF. Further, the Mission Unit at Centre/ State, District and Block Level Monitoring Committees are mandated to conduct regular monitoring of farm-level indicators, farmer progression and extension of NF across all the clusters.
