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LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04TH FEBRUARY, 2025

TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURE

248. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to increase agricultural production without the use of chemicals and pesticides with the coordination of traditional knowledge and modern science in farming;
- (b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to spread awareness among rural youth, farmers, consumers and businessmen to promote organic farming, State-wise;
- (c) the present status of North-Eastern States including Assam regarding traditional and organic farming and the steps being taken to further strengthen it; and
- (d) whether traditional agriculture scheme is not operational in Sirohi and Jalore districts of Rajasthan and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Government is encouraging the farmers for traditional /organic farming in the country since 2015-16 through the schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana in all the States/UTs other-than North Eastern States and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER). Both the schemes stress on end-to-end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification & marketing and post-harvest management training and capacity building and focus on traditional agriculture.

Under PKVY, States/UTs are provided financial assistance of Rs. 31,500/ha for 3 years in the organic clusters out of which, Rs. 15,000/ha is provided directly to farmers through DBT for on-farm and off-farm organic inputs. Financial assistance of Rs. 4,500/ha for 3 years is provided for marketing, packaging, branding, value addition etc. Rs. 3,000/ha for 3 years is provided for certification and residue analysis. Assistance is also provided @Rs. 9,000/ha for 3 years for training and capacity building.

Under MOVCDNER, an assistance of Rs. 46,500/ha for 3 years is provided for creation of FPO, support to farmers for organic inputs, quality seeds/ planting material and training, hand holding and certification. Financial assistance @ Rs 32,500/ ha for 3 years is provided to farmers for on-farm / off-farm organic inputs including Assam for organic farming.

National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) is a centrally sponsored scheme with an overall outlay of ₹2481 crore (Government of India share of ₹1584 crore and States' share of ₹897 crore). The scheme envisages the formation of 15,000 NF clusters in 7.5 lakh ha area. Each cluster shall be formed of contiguous area of about 50 ha and approximately 125 farmers in the cluster will be trained for the adoption of NF. For easy availability of natural farming inputs to the farmers, 10,000 need-based Bio-input Resource Centres (BRCs) are envisaged under the Mission. For the trained farmers, output based incentive of ₹4,000 per acre per farmer per year upto 2 years is provisioned in the scheme for practicing NF package of practices like Pre Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS), application of Beejamrit, Jeevamrit, etc., diversified cropping system, awareness on NF, upkeep of livestock, preparing NF inputs or purchasing NF inputs from BRC, purchasing drums and storage containers for input preparation etc. Each farmer can initiate NF in small landholding and eligible for support under NMNF upto a maximum area of one acre. There is provision for extensive training on natural farming package of practices for farmers with handholding support by Krishi Sakhis, Farmer Master Trainers and Agricultural Technology Management Agency extension workers.

(b): For spreading awareness among rural youth/farmers, several initiatives under PKVY and MOVCDNER schemes through training, handholding, publicity, awareness programme, support postharvest handling and marketing are undertaken. Under PKVY, assistance is provided @ Rs 9,000/ha for 3 years for training and capacity building where-as under MOVCDNER scheme assistance is provided @ Rs 10,000/ha for 3 years. For marketing, branding, value addition, publicity etc. assistance is provided @ Rs. 4,500/ha for 3 years whereas, need based assistance is provided for marketing branding and publicity programme under MOVCDNER scheme.

National Center of Organic and Natural Farming (NCONF) and its Regional Center of Organic and Natural Farming (RCONF) located at Ghaziabad, Nagpur, Bangalore, Imphal and Bhubaneswar are organizing various HRD trainings and online awareness campaign on organic and natural farming. The State-wise details of programs organized by RCONFs during 2023-24 is given at **Annexure-I**.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research also imparts trainings, front-line demonstrations, awareness programs etc. to educate farmers on organic farming, through network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

(c): Since 2015-16, under MOVCDNER, 2 lakh ha area has been covered under organic farming by developing 434 FPOs involving 2.19 lakh farmers in North-Eastern States including Assam.

So far, a total assistance of Rs 134.13 crore has been provided to the state of Assam for promotion of organic farming for 23,501 ha area covering 24,425 farmers under MOVCDNER scheme.

(d): Government of Rajasthan has reported that PKVY scheme is implemented in Rajasthan State including in Sirohi & Jalore districts.

Details of PKVY clusters are given below:-

District	Number of clusters	Area (ha.)	Farmers covered
Sirohi	125	2500	4963
Jalore	245	4900	3442

State-wise trainings (physical mode) organized in 2023-24

S. No.	Name of State	2023-24	
		Total Training Program Organized	Persons Benefitted
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1	27
2.	Assam	1	51
3.	Bihar	2	76
4.	Chhattisgarh	1	51
5.	Goa	1	20
6.	Gujarat	1	59
7.	Haryana	1	51
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5	144
9.	J&K	3	130
10.	Jharkhand	2	85
11.	Karnataka	14	556
12.	Kerala	8	190
13.	Madhya Pradesh	7	738
14.	Maharashtra	13	465
15.	Manipur	3	137
16.	Odisha	13	601
17.	Puducherry	3	90
18.	Rajasthan	2	100
19.	Tamil Nadu	12	900
20.	Telangana	2	72
21.	Tripura	2	73
22.	Uttar Pradesh	10	853
23.	Uttarakhand	1	50
24.	West Bengal	1	507
	Grand Total	109	6026

Source:- NCONF
