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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 363**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 04<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

**SMALL FARMERS ENROLLMENT FOR NMNF**

363. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

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

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR )

(a) & (b): Under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF), identification of clusters will be done by States/ UTs. Each cluster will be linked to a Training Institution, viz. Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Agriculture Universities or Local Natural Farming Institutions. In the selected clusters, two designated Krishi Sakhis/ Community Resource Persons (CRPs) will mobilise the farmers and enrol them.

- (c): New farmers can join the natural farming cluster at the beginning of each crop season.
- (d): Each State/ UT will designate two Krishi Sakhis/ CRPs per selected cluster.
- (e): Training to the farmers will commence after the identification of the clusters by the States/UTs.
- (f): For the trained farmers, output based incentive is envisaged in the scheme for practicing NF package of practices like Pre Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS), application of Beejamrut, Jeevamrut, etc., diversified cropping system, etc.; awareness on NF, upkeep of livestock, preparing NF inputs or purchasing NF inputs from Bio-input Resource Centre (BRC), and purchasing drums, mixing & storage containers, etc. Each farmer can initiate NF in small landholding, and eligible for support under NMNF upto a maximum area of one acre.
- (g): 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.

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