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MISSION ORGANIC VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT FOR NORTH EASTERN REGION

3918. MD. RAKIBUL HUSSAIN:

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

- (a) the details on the manner in which the establishment of commodity-specific organic clusters contributes to improving farmers' incomes and market access in the Northeast region;
- (b) the measures being taken to enhance the participation of small and marginal farmers in FPOs/FPCs and ensure equitable benefits across all States;
- (c) the strategies being employed to strengthen post-harvest infrastructure and processing facilities to reduce losses and enhance the value of organic produce; and
- (d) the details of the efforts being made to ensure MOVCDNER facilitates the long-term sustainability of organic farming in the region while maintaining soil health and biodiversity?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): To establish commodity specific organic clusters, Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) scheme stresses on end-to-end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to post-harvest management training and capacity building. The scheme aims at development of certified organic production clusters in value chain mode to link growers with consumers. The focus is to form organic Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)/Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) where preference is given to small and marginal farmers. Under MOVCDNER scheme, assistance of Rs.46,500/ha over 3 years is provided for creation of FPOs, support to farmers for organic inputs etc. Out of this, assistance @ Rs.32,500/ ha is provided to farmers for off - farm /on -farm organic inputs including Rs.15,000 as DBT to the farmers. Farmers can avail assistance for maximum 2 ha area under the scheme. Need based assistance is provided for post-harvest infrastructure and value addition.

Under MOVCDNER scheme, FPOs/FPCs promote export focus crops which are certified under third-party certification by Accredited Certification Agency under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) scheme of Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

(d): To ensure MOVCDNER facilitates long-term sustainability of organic farming in the region while maintaining soil health and biodiversity, it is mandatory for all farmers/FPOs/FPCs registered in the scheme to have a Soil Health Card (SHC). Under Soil Health & Fertility Scheme, Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) promotes judicious use of chemical fertilizers including micronutrients, in conjunction with organic manures & bio-fertilizers for improving soil health and its productivity. Soil samples are processed following standard procedures and analyzed for various parameters viz, pH, electrical conductivity (EC), Organic Carbon, available Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, Sulphur and micronutrients (Zinc, Copper, Iron, Manganese & Boron). SHC provides information to farmers on soil nutrient status (low, medium & high) and recommendation on appropriate dosage of nutrients to be applied for improving soil health to increase agricultural production.
