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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 01ST APRIL, 2025

PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING

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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 amount sanctioned and allocated for promotion of organic farming under PKVY Scheme in Darbhanga and Bishnupur Lok Sabha constituencies of Bihar and West Bengal respectively;
- (b) whether the Government is promoting the use of eco-friendly organic fertilizers and biofertilizers in the States of West Bengal and Bihar;
- (c) if so, the district-wise details of such initiatives including awareness programmes, subsidies and farmer support mechanism in both the States, district-wise; and
- (d) the details of the challenges in promoting the use of eco-friendly fertilizers particularly in Bishnupur and Darbhanga Lok Sabha constituency along with steps being taken to overcome them?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Government of Bihar has informed that Rs.170.0125 lakh funds has been sanctioned for 500 ha area under organic farming involving 457 farmers in Darbhanga Lok Sabha Constituency under the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) scheme since 2023-24.

Government of West Bengal has informed that PKVY scheme is not implemented in the Bishnupur Lok Sabha Constituency.

(b) & (c): Government is promoting the use of eco-friendly organic fertilizers and biofertilizers through the organic farming scheme of PKVY including the State of Bihar and West Bengal. The PKVY scheme provides end-to-end support to organic farmers i.e. from production to processing, certification and marketing in cluster based approach. The primary focus of the scheme is to form organic clusters in a cluster where preference is given to small and marginal farmers to help them to create a supply chain.

For spreading awareness among farmers, several initiatives under PKVY scheme through training, handholding, publicity and marketing are undertaken. Under PKVY scheme, States/UTs are provided financial assistance of Rs.31,500/ha over 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 including biofertilizers, Rs.4,500/ha for marketing, packaging, branding, value addition etc., Rs.3,000/ha for certification and residue analysis and Rs.9,000/ha for training and capacity building. One farmers can avail assistance for maximum 2 ha area.

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 including the use of biofertilizers.

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.

The district wise data is not maintained centrally.

(d): The main challenges faced initially are being perceptions about fall in production of crops with use of eco-friendly fertilizers. Through hand holding support and training for production of eco-friendly fertilizers from locally available items, the cost of input reduces.
