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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1564

TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH July, 2025

NATURAL FARMING IN KANDHAMAL

1564. SHRI SUKANTA KUMAR PANIGRAHI:

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

the measures taken under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture to promote natural farming practices in the tribal blocks of Kandhamal?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

The Government is implementing National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) to strengthen sustainable agriculture practices with scientifically backed approaches. NMNF is being implemented in Odisha in 10 districts viz. Angul, Balangir, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Nabarangapur, Sonapur, Sundargarh and Bargarh.

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) Phase-III under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is being implemented in 04 blocks of Kandhamal district, viz. Tumudibandha, K. Nuagaon, Raikia and Baliguda, covering 2000 ha area. The Scheme promotes traditional practices such as biomass mulching, use of bio-inputs for nutrient and soil fertility management, thereby reducing the dependency on chemical inputs. Under PKVY, assistance of Rs. 31,500 per ha in 3 years is provided for promotion of organic farming. Out of this, assistance of Rs. 15,000 per ha is provided to farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer for on- farm /off –farm organic inputs including organic compost, 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, awareness & capacity building.