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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2748
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th August, 2025

Promotion of Natural Farming

2748. Shri Sukanta Kumar Panigrahi:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Kandhamal, Boudha & Nayagarh (KBK+) districts have been included under the national campaign for promotion of natural farming in 2024-25, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of number of Soil Health Cards issued in these districts during the last three years;
- (c) the total assistance disbursed to tribal and marginal farmers under the PM-KISAN scheme since April 2024; and
- (d) the steps taken to set up millet processing and procurement infrastructure in the KBK+ and aspirational districts of Odisha?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) KBK+ districts have been included under Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP), an umbrella scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) for the promotion of natural farming in 2024-25. It was implemented in the State over 24,000 ha over 15 districts from 2022-23 to 2024-25. BPKP aimed at promoting traditional practices which supports farmers to use on farm inputs like biomass mulching, cow dung-urine formulation and plant-based preparations and avoid all synthetic inputs.

Area covered till date in KBK+ districts is as follows:

	Name of the KBK+ Districts	Area of implementation (in ha)
1	Kalahandi	2000
2	Nuapada	2000
3	Balangir	1000
4	Koraput	1000

5	Malkangiri	2000
6	Nabarangpur	1000
7	Rayagada	2000
8	Kandhamal	2000
	Total	13000

(b) District wise information on Soil Health Card issued is available on Soil Health Card Portal (soilhealth.dac.gov.in) from 2023-24. Till date, 1,44,211 Soil Health Cards have been issued in KBK+ districts.

(c) Under the PM-KISAN Scheme, the responsibility to identify the beneficiaries and uploading their correct and verified data on PM-KISAN portal lies with the respective State/UT Government. Thereafter, the verified data goes through various levels of validation including Aadhaar/PFMS/Income Tax database, etc. before the benefits are released to the farmers directly into their bank accounts through DBT mode. Total amount disbursed to beneficiaries of Scheduled tribes across all the States under PM-KISAN Scheme in Financial Year 2024-25 is Rs. 6,377.41 Crores out of which Rs. 3392 Crores was for tribal farmers in Odisha.

(d) Millet processing infrastructure is supported through various Schemes. District wise details are not maintained centrally. As per information from Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, State procures coarse grains & 6 minor millets in Decentralised Procurement Mode, for distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System & Other Welfare Schemes. Government of India has taken over 40,000 MT surplus Ragi available in Odisha.