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LOK SABHA
 UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2665

TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2025

NATURAL FARMING MISSION

2665. DR. RAJEEV BHARADWAJ:

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

- (a) whether the "Natural Farming Mission" is a Government funded project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the main objectives of the Natural Farming Mission?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) was approved by the Union Cabinet on 25.11.2024 to promote Natural Farming (NF) across the country. The overall financial outlay is ₹2481 crore (Central share is ₹1584 crore and States' share is ₹897 crore) till 15th Finance Commission period (March, 2026).

(c): As per the Operational Guidelines of NMNF, objectives of the Mission are: -

- (i). To promote nature based sustainable systems of farming, enhancing usage of on-farm made natural farming bio-inputs to reduce dependency on externally purchased inputs and input cost reduction. To also improve soil health and have sustainable agriculture practices.
- (ii). To popularize livestock (preferably local breed of cow) integrated agriculture-animal husbandry models.
- (iii). To strengthen on-farm agroecological research and knowledge based extension capacities of ICAR institutions, KVKs, Agricultural Universities, etc.
- (iv). To build upon the on-field experience of practicing NF farmers and scientific expertise to thereby evolve & improvise location specific NF package of practices for increased spread of NF.
- (v). To establish scientifically supported common standards and easy farmer friendly certification procedures for naturally grown chemical-free produce.
- (vi). To create and promote a single national brand for naturally grown chemical-free produce.
