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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1780
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026

CERTIFICATION FRAMEWORK UNDER NMNF

1780. MS. MAHUA MOITRA:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the certification framework under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) was finalised only in August 2025 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that regional councils were issued a circular in December 2025, mandatorily requiring them to register between 5000 to 10,000 non-scheme farmers under natural farming within six months and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this circular threatened regional councils with cancellation of authorisation if targets are not met; and
- (d) whether the Government is aware that such target-chasing could erode the credibility of the certification system and in natural farming itself?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) : The operational guidelines for National Mission on Natural Farming were issued on 26th December, 2024 and the guidelines for Natural Farming Certification System (NFCS) were issued in 05th June, 2025. Both the documents are available on website (<https://naturalfarming.dac.gov.in/>).

(b) to (d) : Natural Farming Certification System (NFCS) has been initiated as "PGS-INDIA NATURAL" for certification of natural farming produces in accordance with the Natural Farming Standards. It is an online certification system implemented through National Centre for Organic and Natural Farming (NCONF). NCONF had issued a circular on 02.12.2025 to encourage Regional Councils to proactively register farmers practicing natural farming, within an indicative benchmark, so as to ensure timely seasonal certification. Certification enables farmers to get premium price for natural products. Large number of farmers across the country are practicing natural farming without certification coverage. The circular was issued to proactively have the Regional Council reach out to such traditionally practitioners of Natural farming. The processing & integrity of the certification system has been maintained with more than 11.50 lakh farmers registered and more than 4.60 lakh certifications issued.