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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2616

TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th August, 2026

PROGRESS OF NATIONAL MISSION ON NATURAL FARMING

2616. SHRI PUSHPENDRA SAROJ:

SHRI MOHIBBULLAH:

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

- (a) the progress of the National Mission on Natural Farming, indicating the area covered, number of districts, farmers trained and financial assistance released, classified State and district-wise particularly for Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals from Uttar Pradesh for promoting gaushala-based organic fertiliser under any Centrally Sponsored Scheme, if so, the details of proposals received, approved, funds sanctioned, released and utilised;
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of natural farming on chemical fertiliser consumption under PM-PRANAM, if so, the State-wise details, classified district-wise for Uttar Pradesh including incentives released to Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) the number of Soil Health Cards issued in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the measures taken to improve their adoption by farmers; and
- (e) the steps taken to promote certification, value addition and market access for natural farming produce in Uttar Pradesh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

- (a) & (b): The progress made till date under National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) indicating the area, farmers and financial assistance released State-wise is given at **Annexure – I**. District-wise detail as reported by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh is given at **Annexure - II**.

NMNF provides for setting up need-based Bio-input Resource Centres (BRCs). The BRC may be setup nearby Goshalas for supply of the required quantities of urine and dung. BRCs provide ready-to-use Natural Farming bio-inputs for farmers who may not be making own on-farm inputs. Bio-inputs enhance soil health and plant immunity and reduce dependence on chemical pesticides. Till date 83 BRCs has been setup in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

(c): The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), on June 28, 2023, approved the “PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness Generation, Nourishment, and Amelioration of Mother-Earth (PM-PRANAM)”. This initiative aims to preserve the health of Mother Earth through the promotion of sustainable and balanced fertilizer use, adoption of alternative fertilizers, promotion of organic farming and implementation of resource conservation technologies.

Under PM-PRANAM Scheme, all States/UTs are covered including the State of Uttar Pradesh. There is a provision to provide incentives to States/UTs for reduction of consumption of chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, NPK, MOP) in a given financial year compared to the average consumption over the previous three years equivalent to 50% of the fertilizer subsidy saved.

Under PM-PRANAM scheme, 14 States/UTs (Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Tripura, Puducherry, Manipur, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli) have shown reduction of 15.14 Lakh Metric Tons of chemical fertilizer (Urea, DAP, NPKs & MoP) usage in 2023-24 as compared to average consumption of previous 3 years. Similarly, 6 States/UTs (Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur) showed reduction in chemical fertilizer consumption by 0.49 LMT, in 2024-25 as compared to the average consumption of previous 3 years. 5 States/UTs (Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Goa, Manipur and Mizoram) showed a reduction of 0.18 Lakh Metric Tons chemical fertilizer usage in 2025-26 as compared to the average consumption of previous 3 years.

(d): The number of Soil Health Cards (SHCs) issued in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years is 4.85 Lakh in 2023-24, 8.26 Lakh in 2024-25, and 16.01 Lakh in 2025-26. Government promotes judicious use of fertilizer through Soil Health & Fertility scheme. The scheme provides Soil Health Cards (SHCs) for farm holdings to promote balanced and integrated nutrient management. In Uttar Pradesh 2,35,750 farmer’s trainings, 20,746 demonstrations, farmer’s 127 Melas/campaigns on soil health card recommendations have been organized to improve the SHC adoption and use.

(e): Natural Farming Certification System (NFCS) for certification of natural farming produce has been initiated under NMNF. NFCS adopts a digital online certification under Participatory Guarantee System (PGS-INDIA NATURAL) with logo “PGS-INDIA NATURAL”. It is a decentralized, training led, low-cost, peer-reviewed certification tailored for smallholder farmers. The system ensures uniformity of standards and end-to-end traceability covering certification of farm produce and primary processed items. Natural Farming certified products are available in the market as well as on Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) for Business to Consumer sales. More than 2.45 lakh farmers have been registered under the NFCS till date with over 2.19 lakh farmers issued natural farming certificates in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Annexure - I

State/UT-wise details of area covered, number of districts, farmers trained and financial assistance released under the National Mission on Natural Farming as on 30.07.2026

(Rs. in lakh)

S. No.	State/ UT	Cluster Formation	Farmer Enrolment	Area covered (in Ha)	Budget Release
1	Andaman & N Islands	4	500	200.00	30.10
2	Andhra Pradesh	5931	651567	428252.56	14839.61
3	Arunachal Pradesh	270	17982	8805.32	1605.69
4	Assam	76	6683	4884.10	486.53
5	Bihar	564	57815	26855.31	2138.33
6	Chhattisgarh	592	72058	31505.42	3871.16
7	Delhi	6	375	150.00	41.86
8	Goa	13	1623	630.89	71.71
9	Gujarat	1376	151108	61919.23	5905.08
10	Haryana	227	12686	10703.21	874.17
11	Himachal Pradesh	648	76628	27852.32	4965.17
12	Jammu & Kashmir	240	24291	10905.05	2066.35
13	Jharkhand	204	14312	5686.88	438.00
14	Karnataka	1266	133540	58136.80	7020.51
15	Kerala	141	19227	8210.15	779.09
16	Ladakh	4	621	175.62	71.98
17	Madhya Pradesh	1899	168100	91199.66	9586.17
18	Maharashtra	2197	204457	63014.96	10904.00
19	Manipur	144	16077	6364.63	1211.64
20	Meghalaya	166	9617	3223.40	851.42
21	Mizoram	363	22110	15800.14	1748.90
22	Nagaland	298	17996	103391.62	2117.64
23	Odisha	581	74484	29683.65	2418.92
24	Puducherry	6	772	256.25	73.39
25	Punjab	80	6152	2688.28	400.36
26	Rajasthan	2814	266596	112865.58	10629.55
27	Tamil Nadu	76	8072	3509.91	542.84
28	Telangana	634	70903	39699.13	1802.45

29	Tripura	336	33643	11188.99	2087.56
30	Uttar Pradesh	2324	290500	.116200.00	11104.86
31	Uttarakhand	257	29782	10066.55	1437.16
32	West Bengal	294	9000	3600.00	784.00
	Total	24031	2469277	1181425.73	102906.19

Annexure - II

District-wise details of area covered, number of districts, farmers trained and financial assistance allocated under the mission particularly for Uttar Pradesh till 2025-26

(Rs. in lakh)					
S. No.	District	Cluster	Farmers Benefitted	Area Covered (Ha.)	Allocation
1	Hathras	10	1,250	500	32.54
2	Balrampur	23	2,875	1,150	39.62
3	Mathura	42	5,250	2,100	89.53
4	Rae Bareli	20	2,500	1,000	67.29
5	Hardoi	20	2,500	1,000	46.93
6	Lakhimpur	91	11,375	4,550	152.55
7	Lakhimpur Kheri	20	2,500	1,000	72.47
8	Agra	24	3,000	1,200	66.84
9	Sonbhadra	37	4,625	1,850	107.39
10	Baghpat	43	5,375	2,150	163.33
11	Siddharthnagar	36	4,500	1,800	55.95
12	Mathoura*	94	11,750	4,700	269.04
13	Fatehpur	9	1,125	450	34.35
14	Bulandshahr	20	2,500	1,000	26.91
15	Hamirpur	97	12,125	4,850	225.30
16	Pratapgarh	22	2,750	1,100	34.50
17	Mau	21	2,625	1,050	60.61
18	Rae Bareli	50	6,250	2,500	132.48
19	Barabanki	10	1,250	500	17.33
20	Baghpat	10	1,250	500	15.02
21	Kanpur Dehat	22	2,750	1,100	79.72
22	Saharanpur	20	2,500	1,000	65.77
23	Azamgarh	22	2,750	1,100	44.10
24	Jalaun	114	14,250	5,700	228.67
25	Banda	118	14,750	5,900	273.40
26	Ghaziabad	2	250	100	19.06
27	Ayodhya	8	1,000	400	31.88
28	Jhansi	80	10,000	4,000	126.91
29	Amethi	34	4,250	1,700	53.51
30	Sambhal	9	1,125	450	16.87
31	Basti	17	2,125	850	29.16
32	Bhadohi	10	1,250	500	17.83
33	Rampur	37	4,625	1,850	130.98
34	Kaushambi	8	1,000	400	18.16
35	Aligarh	10	1,250	500	36.40
36	Gautam Buddha Nagar	10	1,250	500	32.32

37	Chitrakoot	35	4,375	1,750	64.05
38	Meerut	26	3,250	1,300	72.23
39	Prayagraj	12	1,500	600	43.37
40	Bareilly	21	2,625	1,050	37.61
41	Kaushambi	8	1,000	400	15.67
42	Moradabad	8	1,000	400	29.89
43	Jaunpur	55	6,875	2,750	109.67
44	Shravasti	20	2,500	1,000	39.80
45	Amethi	40	5,000	2,000	121.63
46	Kannauj	10	1,250	500	34.63
47	Gonda	10	1,250	500	38.21
48	Sant Kabir Nagar	10	1,250	500	24.63
49	Mirzapur	25	3,125	1,250	55.02
50	Shamli	22	2,750	1,100	68.10
51	Farrukhabad	20	2,500	1,000	55.21
52	Firozabad	50	6,250	2,500	169.70
53	Deoria	64	8,000	3,200	177.25
54	Etah	21	2,625	1,050	40.18
55	Sultanpur	20	2,500	1,000	84.08
56	Maharajganj	20	2,500	1,000	71.23
57	Bijnor	10	1,250	500	33.75
58	Azagar*	26	3,250	1,300	113.69
59	Muzaffarnagar	10	1,250	500	43.63
60	Kasganj	26	3,250	1,300	79.27
61	Kushinagar	41	5,125	2,050	58.92
62	Shahjahanpur	20	2,500	1,000	39.25
63	Ambedkar Nagar	10	1,250	500	18.82
64	Ghazipur	50	6,250	2,500	158.15
65	Lucknow	6	750	300	20.83
66	Kanpur Nagar	8	1,000	400	33.94
67	Chandauli	22	2,750	1,100	88.59
68	Pilibhit	20	2,500	1,000	57.87
69	Budaun	20	2,500	1,000	33.81
70	Bahraich	120	15,000	6,000	384.34
71	Sonbhadra	80	10,000	4,000	290.71
72	Varanasi	10	1,250	500	30.85
73	Etawah	20	2,500	1,000	69.00
74	Gorakhpur	100	12,500	5,000	209.28
75	Unnao	8	1,000	400	15.14
	Total	2,324	290,500	116,200	6,046.72
