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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26Th JULY, 2022

SUSTAINABLE FARMING

1448 PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has noticed that the agriculture products produced through organic hereditary farming are sustainable comparing to the existing type of farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to promote organic farming in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has introduced Organic Farming Zones in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): The traditional (hereditary) farming system of organic farming are sustainable in terms of resource utilization, productivity and eco-system index (such as soil health and fertility non contaminating and environment friendly).

(c): Government has been promoting organic farming through dedicated schemes namely Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East Region (MOVCDNER). Farmers are provided financial assistance of Rs 31000/ ha / 3 years under PKVY and Rs 32500/ ha/ 3years under MOVCDNER for organic inputs such as seeds, bio-fertilizers, bio-pesticides, organic manure, compost/ vermi-compost, botanical extracts etc. Apart from this, support is also provided for Clusters/ Farmers Producers Organization (FPO) formation, training, certification, value addition and marketing of their organic produce. Organic cultivation on either side of River Ganga under Namami Gange of National Mission of Clean Ganga (NMCG), and Large Area Certification have also been introduced under PKVY to increase area under organic farming.

Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati (BPKP), under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) is also being implemented since 2020-21 to promote traditional indigenous practices. The scheme mainly emphasizes on exclusion of all synthetic chemical inputs and promotes on-farm biomass recycling with major stress on biomass mulching, use of cow dung-urine formulations and other plant based preparations. Under BPKP, financial assistance of Rs 12200/ha for 3 years is provided for cluster formation, capacity building and continuous handholding by trained personnel, certification and residue analysis.

(d) & (e): Government is supporting the organic farming across the country without any distinction of Organic Farming Zones. Currently, 59.12 lakh ha area has been brought under organic farming as certified by National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) and Participatory Guarantee System (PGS).
