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PROMOTION OF CHEMICAL FREE AGRICULTURE

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to promote 'Jaivik Kheti' (Chemical free agriculture) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and area which have been covered so far;
- (c) whether Government has developed a web portal for direct sale of organic products by farmers to consumers for better price realization:
- (d) if so, the number of farmers registered so far, State/UT-wise especially farmers from Rajasthan; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government for capacity building of farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Government has been promoting organic farming in the country since 2015-16 through the schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER). Both the schemes stress on end to end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification and marketing and post harvest management support including processing. MOVCDNER scheme is implemented exclusively in the NE States. PKVY is being implemented in all the States other than North Eastern States, across the country.

Under MOVCDNER, an assistance of Rs. 46,575/ha for 3years is provided for creation of FPO, support to farmers for organic inputs, quality seeds/ planting material and training, hand

holding and certification. Financial assistance @ Rs 32500/ ha for 3 years is provided to farmers for off farm /on –farm organic inputs under the scheme.

Under PKVY, farmers are provided financial assistance of Rs 50000/ha for 3 years out of which, Rs 31000/ ha / 3 years is provided directly to farmers through DBT for on-farm and off-farm organic inputs.

The total cultivated area covered under organic farming in the country is 65.77 lakh ha (NPOP-53.91 lakh ha and PGS- 11.86 lakh ha) during 2022-2023.

(c) & (d): Government has developed web portal- www.Jaivikkheti.in/ as an online marketing platform for direct sale of organic produce by farmers to the consumers to help them for better price realization. A total of 6.09 lakh farmers have been registered under Jaivik kheti portal. The state/UT – wise (including Rajasthan) details of number of farmers registered on the portal is given in **Annexure- I**.

(e): Under PKVY there is provision of assistance @ Rs 7500/ha for 3 years for training and capacity building of farmers on organic production whereas, under MOVCDNER Rs 10000/ha for 3 years is provided for training and hand holding of farmers for capacity building on organic production.

National Center For Organic and Natural Farming (NCONF) a sub-ordinate office of DA&FW, has been organizing various training and capacity building programmes namely 30 Day's Certificate Course, Field Demonstration and Training, Extension Officer training Programme and 7 days online/offline training course on various aspects of organic farming for farmers and other stake holders.

Multi- disciplinary team of scientist of Indian Council of Agriculture (ICAR) are involved in need-based training to farmers and extensions agents and giving technical support to State agencies for promotion of organic farming. Scientists in Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) organize regular training programs to farmers and extension personnel on organic agriculture including production and use of organic inputs

Annexure- I

The state/UT – wise (including Rajasthan) details of number of farmers registered on the portal:

Sl. No.	State/UTs	No. of Farmers
1.	Andhra Pradesh	971
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	77
3.	Assam	7339
4.	Bihar	13222
5.	Chhattisgarh	27780
6.	Daman and Diu	1131
7.	Delhi	2882
8.	Goa	11556
9.	Gujarat	3885
10.	Haryana	323
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1830
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	1
13.	Jharkhand	9926
14.	Karnataka	11500
15.	Kerala	14781
16.	Madhya Pradesh	47465
17.	Maharashtra	39281
18.	Manipur	1180
19.	Meghalaya	1214
20.	Mizoram	306
21.	Nagaland	1130
22.	Odisha	31299
23.	Punjab	22
24.	Rajasthan	40414
25.	Tamil Nadu	3653
26.	Tripura	892
27.	Talangan	4360
28.	Uttar Pradesh	105896
29.	Uttarakhand	217795
30.	West Bengal	7222
	Total	609144

Source: www.Jaivikkheti.in/
