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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-169**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/07/2023

**PROMOTION OF COW SHELTERS FOR NATURAL FARMING**

169. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether Government has any plan to make Gaushalas (cow shelters) as major suppliers of inputs for natural farming in the country;
- (b) if so, the measures being taken to encourage private players and entrepreneurs to adopt natural farming as a business in rural areas; and
- (c) if not, whether Government plans to take up such measures to encourage natural farming?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government of India is promoting natural farming since 2019-20 under Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhti (BPKP), a sub scheme of Prampargat Krishi Vikas Yojna (PKVY). Natural farming is chemical free farming based on the integrated agriculture and animal husbandry approach using livestock and local resources. It is largely based on on-farm biomass recycling with major stress on biomass mulching, use of on-farm cow dung-urine formulations from local livestock's. About 4.09 lakh ha. area under 8 states viz. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha , Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are covered under the BPKP scheme. Government now intends promote natural farming in a mission mode with due focus on farm production of livestock based natural farming inputs like Beejamrut, Jeevamrut, Neemastra etc. In the Budget Speech 2023-24, it has been announced that "over the next 3 years, 1 crore farmers will be facilitated to adopt natural farming. For this, 10,000 Bio-Input Resource Centers (BRC) will be set-up". These BRCs will be set up for continuous supply of local livestock based natural farming inputs. .

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