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**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 186**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/07/2023

**PROMOTION OF ORGANIC FARMING**

186. SMT. KANTA KARDAM:

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

- (a) whether Government proposes to devise any new scheme to promote organic farming and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the schemes being implemented by Government to promote organic farming in the country and the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts being made by Government to reduce the use of chemicals in agriculture and promote organic farming?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Government is 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. PKVY is being implemented in all the States other-than North Eastern States, across the country. MOVCDNER scheme is implemented exclusively in the NE States. Under PKVY, farmers of various states of the country 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.

Since 2015-16, under PKVY, 11.86 lakh ha area has been covered under organic farming by developing 32384 clusters involving 16.19 lakh farmers. In addition, 8 states developed their own brands for organic products. So far, Rs 1864.75 Crore has been released under the scheme.

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 on- farm /off –farm organic inputs under the scheme.

Since 2015-16, under MOVCDNER, 1.73 lakh ha area has been covered under organic farming by developing 379 FPO/FPCs involving 1.89 lakh farmers. In addition, 7 NE developed their own brands for organic products. So far, Rs 920.77 Crore has been released under the scheme.

(c): To reduce use of chemicals in agriculture, Government is promoting organic farming using various organic fertilizers/ bio-fertilizers under PKVY and MOVCDNER scheme. Under Soil Health Card (SHC) schemes Government is also promoting Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) through judicious use of chemical fertilizers in conjunction with bio-fertilizers and organic manures for improving soil health, fertility and productivity.

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