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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 373**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**PROMOTION OF NATURAL FARMING**

373. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the promotion of natural farming has become the need of the hour and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the agriculture sector is a very important sector and to bring necessary changes in this sector with time is necessary; and
- (c) if so, the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government to promote natural farming and encourage farmers to adopt the said method of farming in the country particularly in Gujarat?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government is promoting natural farming since 2019-2020 through a sub-scheme namely Bharatiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP) under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY). So far 4.09 lakh ha area has been sanctioned and Rs. 55.99 Crore has been released for natural farming in 8 states under BPKP across the country. An areas of 1.48 lakh ha have also been sanctioned for promotion of natural farming along the Ganga Corridor. To motivate farmers to adopt natural farming and to enhance the reach of natural farming, the Government has formulated National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) as a separate and independent scheme by up scaling the BPKP.

Government of Gujarat has informed that the state of Gujarat has implemented following schemes for encouraging farmers for promotion of Natural farming:

- Desi Cow Maintenance assistance scheme where Rs. 10,800 per annum financial assistance to farmer families.
- Providing financial assistance of Rs. 10000/- per ha. to farmers family engaged in Natural Farming under completely chemical free Dang district.

- Establishment of Gujarat Prakrutik Krushi Vikas Board for promotion of natural farming in the state.
- Special scheme for manpower to promote Natural Farming in the State.
- Establishment of Gujarat Natural Farming Science University for research and education regarding Natural Farming.

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