

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1408**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

**NATURE FARMING**

1408. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government is aware that the State Government of Andhra Pradesh is pushing hand for nature farming in the State;
- (b) whether the Union Government is also aware that the Chief Minister of AP delivered Key Note Address in a UN Global Event organised by UN Environmental Programme in the month of September last year at Geneva; and
- (c) the details of the efforts being made by the Union Government to push for nature farming and help States like Andhra Pradesh which are working hard to push nature farming?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam.

(c): Government of India has been promoting organic farming in the country through the dedicated scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) with PGS certification. In PKVY, enough flexibility and freedom is provided to the States for adoption of any model of Organic Farming like Rishi Farming, Vedic Farming, cow Farming, Homa Farming, Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) etc. depending on farmers' choice. An amount of Rs.50000/ha is provided to farmers in 3 years for group formation, capacity building, inputs, marketing etc.

Andhra Pradesh implemented Climate resilient ZBNF in 1300 clusters (26000 ha) during 2015-16 to 2017-18 and 4000 new clusters (80000 ha) have been taken up under PKVY in 2018-19. State is also promoting ZBNF under RKVY scheme.

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