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Government has been encouraging the farmers for traditional /organic farming in the country through the Scheme of Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY). Enough flexibility is given to States to adopt any model of traditional/organic farming including Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) depending on farmers' choice. Assistance of Rs 50000/ ha/3 year is provided for organic inputs, certification, labeling, packing, transportation and marketing of organic produce under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY).

Organic farming of niche crops of North East Region for exports is also being supported under Mission Organic Value Chain Development (MOVCDNER), where in Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) are supported for organic inputs, post harvest management practices including infrastructure creation, marketing in a value chain mode.

ICAR has developed Integrated Organic Farming System models and identified suitable crop species/ varieties for traditional/ organic farming. Government is disseminating information for the traditional farming by organizing training and awareness campaign/workshop and educating the farmers about traditional/ organic farming practices.

This information was given in a written reply by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar in Lok Sabha today.

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