

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2906
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/12/2024

EXPENDITURE UNDER NMNF

2906. SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

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

- (a) the details of expenditure under the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) till date:
- (b) the reasons for reduction in the budget allocation from Rs.459 Crores in BE 2023-24 to only ₹100 crores in RE 2023-24; and
- (c) the measures taken by Government for better utilization of the allocated budget under the scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The Union Cabinet on 25th November, 2024 has approved the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) as a standalone centrally sponsored scheme with an overall outlay of ₹2481 crore. Prior to the approval of NMNF, to carry out limited activities such as awareness generation, training programmes etc. the budget estimate of ₹459 crore for 2023-24 was revised to ₹100 crore at Revised Estimate stage. On the aforementioned activities, ₹42.30 crores have been spent till date.

(c): As NMNF is a Centrally Sponsored scheme, it is implemented by the respective States/UT Governments. Under the scheme, Steering Committee and Executive Committee at the National and State/UT Levels have been constituted to monitor the overall scheme implementation including budget utilisation by all the stakeholders. Further, the scheme has the provision for real time monitoring of all activities through a GIS based digital portal.
