



# Financial assistance to organic farmers

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### PM-PRANAM

"PM Programme for Restoration, Awareness, Nourishment and Amelioration of Mother Earth (PM-PRANAM)" to incentivize States and Union Territories to promote the use of alternative fertilizers such as organic and bio-fertilizers for improving soil health and fertility and sustainable productivity. The PM-PRANAM scheme is operational for a period of three years (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26).

Under the programme, state Governments will be incentivized to the tune of 50% of fertilizer subsidy saved for promotion of organic and natural farming and organic fertilizers.

### Market Development Assistance for bioinputs

Government implements the Market Development Assistance during FY 2023-24 to 2025-26) for Fermented Organic Manure, Liquid Fermented Organic Manure use of organic fertilizers.

The Market Development Assistance @ 1,500/MT will be provided to promote organic fertilizers, produced at plants under umbrella Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan (GOBARDHAN ) initiative covering different Biogas/CBG support schemes/programs of stakeholder Ministries/Departments.

All manufacturing-cum-marketing entities including CBG/Bio-gas operators, marketers/distributors under umbrella GOBARDHAN initiative; and registered on Unified GOBARDHAN portal of Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation (DDWS); and Fertilizer Marketing Companies marketing their organic fertilizers, shall be eligible for Market Development Assistance (MDA) for promotion of organic fertilizers.

### Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana

Government is promoting organic farming on priority in the country since 2015-16 for improving soil health and water retention through the schemes of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana in all the States other-than North Eastern States and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region.

Both the schemes stresses on end-to-end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification & marketing and post-harvest management training and Capacity Building and also focus on sustainable agriculture.

Under PKVY, States/UTs are provided financial assistance of Rs. 31,500/ha for 3 years in the organic clusters out of which, Rs. 15,000/ha is provided directly to farmers through DBT for on-farm and off-farm organic inputs. Financial assistance of Rs. 4,500/ha for 3 years is provided for marketing, packaging, branding, value addition etc. Rs. 3,000/ha for 3 years is provided for certification and residue analysis. Assistance is also provided @Rs. 9,000/ha for 3 years for training and capacity building.

Whereas under Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region, a total assistance of Rs. 46,500/ha for 3 years is provided for creation of Farmers Producer Organization, support to farmers for organic inputs, quality seeds/ planting material and training, hand holding and certification. Out of this, assistance @ Rs. 32500/ ha for 3 years is provided to farmers for off-farm /on -farm organic inputs under the scheme including Rs. 15,000 as Direct Bank Transfer to the farmers and Rs. 17,500 for the planting material to be given to the farmers by State Lead Agency (State Lead Agency) in kind.

## Training to farmers

National Center of Organic and Natural Farming and its Regional Center of Organic and Natural Farming located at Ghaziabad, Nagpur, Bangalore, Imphal and Bhubaneswar are organizing various HRD trainings namely One Day Farmers' Training, Two Days Training for Extension Officers/Staff, Two Days Training on Participatory Guarantee System- India, 30 Days Certificate course, One day Jaivik evam Prakratik Kisan Sammelan for 500 participants, One Day Stakeholder consultations/conferences on Natural Farming for 100 participants, Orientation Program on Natural Farming and awareness programmes across the country to disseminate information on organic and natural farming as well as on-farm production and use of various kinds of organic and bio-fertilizers. NCONF and RCONF also organize online awareness campaign and training programmes on organic and natural farming and production and use of organic and bio-fertilizers.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research also imparts trainings, organizes front-line demonstrations, awareness programs etc. to educate farmers on organic farming, through network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

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