Working Group on Promotion of Organic and Natural Farming in Haryana Holds First Meeting

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The first meeting of the Working Group on Promotion of Organic & Natural Farming in Haryana, constituted by the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP), was held today at the office of HKKP, Krishi Bhawan, Sector-21, Panchkula.

The meeting was also attended by Sh. Virender Singh Badkhalsa, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Chief Minister, Haryana, as a Special Speaker (Vishesh Pravakta).

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Rajeshwar Singh Chandel, Vice Chancellor, Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Gujarat, who is also the Chairperson of the Working Group. The meeting was attended by Dr. Parminder Malik, Sr. District Extension Specialist (Agricultural Economics), KVK Sonipat; Sh. Vineet Kumar, Head, Cooperative Services, National Cooperative Organics Ltd. (NCOL), New Delhi; Dr. Prashant Kumar, Assistant Scientist (Plant Pathology), RRS Karnal, CCS HAU; Dr. Rakesh Poria, Deputy Director Agriculture, Panchkula, A&FW Department; Sh. Yashpal Khola, Progressive Farmer, Rewari; and Sh. Vinod Kumar, Natural Farming (NF) farmer, besides officers of the Pradhikaran.

Welcoming the members, Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, HKKP, highlighted the importance of developing a practical and farmer-oriented roadmap for strengthening organic and natural farming in Haryana.

Sh. Virender Singh Badkhalsa, Special Speaker, shared his views and suggestions during the meeting and emphasized the need to provide farmers with proper technical guidance, quality inputs, better market linkages and remunerative prices for promoting organic and natural farming. He also stressed the importance of optimum utilization of locally available resources, sharing the experiences of successful natural farming practitioners with other farmers, and establishing continuous interaction and coordination between farmers and technical experts.



The Chairperson observed that natural farming is emerging as an important challenge as well as an opportunity and that the natural processes involved in soil health and farming systems need to be properly understood and promoted. The members emphasized that the knowledge-intensive nature of natural/organic farming requires strengthening the knowledge and technical support system for farmers.

The meeting particularly deliberated upon the need to ensure availability of affordable and nutritious food, along with remunerative prices for farmers producing organic and natural products. It was observed that the economic viability of natural farming would be crucial for its wider adoption.



The members also discussed the importance of locally available resources such as local cow-based inputs, local microorganisms and local plant resources, which can reduce farmers' dependence on external inputs and support more sustainable farming systems. The need to appropriately consider the role of livestock, including cows, according to their contribution to the farm and allied activities was also discussed.

Several issues concerning the organic sector were highlighted, including availability and certification of organic produce, lack of a specific market, uncertainty regarding price realization and challenges in achieving higher yields. The members stressed the need for better market linkages and suitable mechanisms to ensure remunerative prices for farmers.

The meeting also emphasized the need to build a strong extension and knowledge-support mechanism. It was suggested that a dedicated technical resource centre, on the lines of successful models in other States, may be considered. A dedicated and knowledgeable field-level resource person should also be available to guide farmers according to the local agro-climatic conditions.

The members proposed developing a structured mechanism for connecting farmers with technical experts, including a dedicated helpline/post, call centre, mobile application and guidance procedures. A database/list of experts and successful natural/organic farming models, along with success stories and farmer experiences, may also be developed for wider dissemination.

Special emphasis was laid on facilitating the availability of organic seed, strengthening seed cells and ensuring easy access to quality seed for farmers. Establishment of an organic seed bank was also suggested. The members further discussed the need for providing location-specific inputs and recommendations based on area, topography, crop and local agro-climatic conditions.



The Working Group also discussed the requirement of suitable machinery and facilities for preparing natural farming inputs, including arrangements for inputs such as Jeevamrit/Ghanjeevamrit. It was suggested that a model may be developed around successful natural/organic farming initiatives and farmers may be encouraged to adopt proven practices.