

GS-III Major Crops Cropping Patterns in Various Parts of the country, Different Types of irrigation.

- 1. Zero Budget Natural Farming has no scientific validation and its inclusion into agricultural policy appears unwise. Comment.**

Why this Question?

- ▶▶ Recently, the criticisms levelled against Green Revolution technologies were criticisms of the **increasing “Chemicalisation” of agriculture**. In this context, Claims were made that alternative, non-chemical agricultures were possible.

Key Demands of Question:

- ▶▶ Explain about the Zero Budget Natural Farming.
- ▶▶ Give your opinion on whether ZBNF has a scientific validation or not.
- ▶▶ Explain with the examples, facts and figures to justify your opinion.

Directive word:

Comment:

- ▶▶ When you are asked to comment, you have to pick main points and give your ‘opinion’ on them based on evidences or arguments stemming from your wide reading.
- ▶▶ Your opinion may be for or against, but you must back your argument with evidences.
- ▶▶ These types of question offer you a chance to consolidate your reading of different subjects to justify your opinion.

Structure of Answer:

Introduction:

- ▶▶ Give definition or explain about Zero Budget Natural Farming or give brief intro about the ZBNF in the recent context.

Body:

- ▶▶ Explain in detail about the ZBNF.
- ▶▶ Give your opinion on ZBNF have a scientific validation or not.
- ▶▶ Justify your opinion by mentioning merits and demerits of the ZBNF.
- ▶▶ Explain with the examples, facts and figures to substantiate your opinion. For example write Andhra Pradesh have some success on the ZBNF.

Conclusion:

- ▶▶ Conclude with the way forward measures and some other farming methods to promote the sustainable agriculture and satisfy the needs of the farmer.