GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 645
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18/09/2020

REDUCTION IN THE INCOME OF FARMERS

645 # Smt. Phulo Devi Netam:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that agriculture work was hampered in many States due to reverse migration during the period of lockdown;

(b) if so, the quantum of crop damage suffered by farmers along with the details of reduction in the income of farmers; and

(c) the number of farm labourers who underwent reverse migration and the scheme to bring them back, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Government has taken several measures to facilitate the farmers and farming activities at field level and provided timely benefits to farmers and all stakeholders across the country. The pro-active interventions by the Government have facilitated the farmers for timely harvesting of the entire rabi crops and record procurement of rabi produce by the Government agencies. Moreover, sowing area coverage under kharif crops has witnessed remarkable progress during 2020. As on 11.09.2020, the total area sown under kharif crops was 1104.54 lakh hectare as against 1045.18 lakh hectare during corresponding period last year, showing an increase of 5.68 per cent.

(c): The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has taken several measures to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning in rural areas.

The Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) launched on 20th June, 2020 is implemented on mission mode to provide employment to migrant workers who have returned to their native villages of six (6) states namely, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

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