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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2093
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/08/2021

ENCOURAGING LAC PRODUCTION

2093. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

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

(a) whether Government proposes to provide short term agricultural loan for Lac crop through Kisan Credit Card scheme on the lines of other crops with an objective of encouraging Lac production;

(b) whether Government proposes to cover Lac crop under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS); and

(c) Government has received any proposal in this regard, if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) : Though lac-culture, Sericulture & bee keeping have already been included in allied agriculture activities, but due to non-availability of Scale of Finance for lac culture, concessional short term agriculture loan is not available under Kisan Credit Card (KCC) as of now. Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has advised to Reserve Bank of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development to declare the Scale of Finance for lac culture, sericulture, bee keeping etc. so that eligible farmers can get concessional loans under KCC.

(b) & (c) : The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) envisages coverage of crops whether food grains, oilseeds, pulses, commercial/horticultural crops subject to availability of past yield data and capacity of the State Government to conduct requisite number of crop cutting experiments as per provisions of the scheme. Other crops for which past yield data or the scientific method of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) to know the yield is not available can be notified under Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS). However, specific crop under the scheme is notified by the concerned State Government.

Lac being a produce from insects hence, it could not directly be covered under the scheme. Further, production of lac also depends on availability of good quality of host foliages of host trees. State Governments may consider covering the host tree for lac insects under RWBCIS.

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