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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. -1157
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/12/2022

INCENTIVE TO FARMERS OF PUNJAB

1157. SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether Government intends to provide incentives to farmers of Punjab to reduce their input cost in agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the incentives proposed, if any, for the farmers of Punjab to stop the stubble burning, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Government of India supplements the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures and budgetary support through various schemes/ programmes for benefit of farmers such as Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Minimum Support Price (MSP), Kisan Credit Card(KCC), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)-Per Drop More Crop, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Materials, Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization(SMAM), Central Sector Scheme on Crop Residue Management etc. In order to provide fertilizers to farmers at a reasonable and affordable price, the Government also provides subsidy on Urea as well as Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers.

(c): To support the efforts of the Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi to address air pollution and to subsidize machinery required for management of crop residue, a Central Sector Scheme on 'Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization for In-Situ Management of Crop Residue in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi' is being implemented from 2018-19. The scheme promotes the usage of machines for stubble management such as Super Straw Management Systems, Happy Seeder, Super Seeder, Smart Seeder, Zero Till Seed cum Fertilizer Drill, Mulcher, Shrub Master/Rotary Slasher, Paddy Straw Chopper, Hydraulically Reversible Mould Board Plough, Crop Reapers and Reaper Binders for in-situ management of crop residue and Balers & Straw Rakes which are used for straw collection in the form of bales for other ex-situ uses of straw. Financial assistance @ 50% of the cost of machinery is provided to the farmers for purchase of these identified crop residue management machinery and financial assistance @ 80% of the project cost is provided to the Cooperative Societies of Farmers, Farmers Producers Organization (FPOs) and Panchayats for establishment of Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs) of these identified crop residue management machinery. Under this scheme, during the period from 2018-19 to 2022-23, an amount of Rs. 1426.45 Crores have been released to the State of Punjab. As per the information received from the State of Punjab, more than 1.10 lakh machines have been provided to the individual farmers and to more than 23500 Custom Hiring Centres established in the State.
