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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1931
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17/03/2023

REVIVAL OF RKVY

1931. SHRI. SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- a) whether Government has revised Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) and if so, the details thereof, along with the salient features of the scheme;
- b) whether Government has reviewed the functioning of RKVY-RAFTAAR in the country and if so, the outcome thereof and the corrective measures taken by Government for effective implementation of the Yojana; and
- c) whether this Yojana will make farming a remunerative economic activity by strengthening farmers' efforts, risk mitigation and promoting agri-business entrepreneurship, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) : Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) has been launched in 2007-08. The scheme has been revised with effect from 01.11.2017 as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) with broad objectives of making farming a remunerative economic activity through strengthening the farmer's effort, risk mitigation with major focus is on pre & post-harvest infrastructure. Funds under the scheme are released to the State Governments/UTs as grant in aid on the basis of projects related to agriculture and allied sectors, approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by the Chief Secretary of the concerned State which is the empowered body to approve projects for implementation under this scheme. A

programme called Innovation and Agri-entrepreneurship has been launched under RKVY during 2018-19 with an objective to promote innovation and agri-entrepreneurship by providing financial and technical support for nurturing startup ecosystem through 5 Knowledge Partners (KPs) and 24 Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) engaged for the purpose.

(b)&(c): The scheme has benefited farmers in remunerative economic activity by strengthening farmers' efforts, risk mitigation and promote agri-business entrepreneurship. States have approved projects related to agriculture and allied sectors such as Horticulture, Crops, Seed, Agriculture Mechanization, Agriculture Research etc. for implementation under the scheme. Under the Innovation and Agri-entrepreneurship programme, a number of start-ups have been provided with technical and financial support. The functioning of the scheme has been reviewed frequently with the concerned officials of the State Governments/UTs. Now RKVY Scheme is rationalized with following schemes as its Annual Action Plan (AAP) based components:

1. Per Drop More Crop
2. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization
3. Soil Health and Fertility
4. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojna
5. Rainfed Area Development
6. Crop Diversification Programme

Under the rationalized RKVY scheme, the States/ UTs get financial flexibility to implement the components as per their priorities and specific requirements.
