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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-992
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10/02/2023

OBJECTIVE OF IYOM

992. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether there is any specific objective for celebrating the International Year of Millets (IYOM) on the proposal made by India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has prepared any special incentive action plan for more and more production of millet by the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) To create domestic and global demand and to provide nutritional food to the people, Government of India had proposed to United Nations for declaring 2023 as International Year of Millets (IYM). The proposal of India was supported by 72 countries and United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) declared 2023 as International Year of Millets during March, 2021. Now, Government of India has decided to celebrate IYM – 2023 to make it peoples' movement so that the Indian millets, recipes, value added products are accepted globally.

(c) & (d) The Government of India is implementing a multi stakeholder approach towards celebration of International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023. The action plan of IYM2023 focuses on strategies to enhance production and productivity, consumption, export, strengthening value chain, branding, creating awareness for health benefits etc. Further, a yearlong action plan for

monthly activity has been prepared by Central Ministries, State Governments and Indian Embassies etc. to create awareness about millets for increasing production and demand. In order to promote millets, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals (Millets) under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 212 Districts of 14 States since 2018-19. In addition, flexibility is given to 8 North Eastern states, 1 hill state of Himachal Pradesh and 2 UTs of J&K&Ladakh. The interventions covered under NFSM-Nutri Cereals include Cluster Front Line Demonstrations (FLDs) on improved package of Practices, Seed distribution of certified seeds of hybrids & High Yielding Varieties (HYVs), Seed production of Certified seeds of HYVs, Bio-fertilizers and micro nutrients, Plant protection chemicals & weedicides, Manual sprayers, Water application tools (Sprinkler), Cropping system based training. Besides, Formation of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) in cluster areas, Creation of processing units for FPOs, Centers of Excellence (CoE), Creation of Seed Hubs, Organizing Events / workshops, Distribution of seed minikits (HYVs), Publicity through print and electronic media etc. are also covered under NFSM-Nutri Cereals.

In addition, the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has approved the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry for Millet-based products (PLISMBP) for implementation during 2022-23 to 2026-27 with an outlay of 800 crores. The Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, launched under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan is currently being implemented in 35 States and Union Territories (UTs). Government is also popularizing Agri-Infrastructure Fund Scheme to invite farmers/FPOs/Entrepreneurs to avail the benefit of interest subvention on loans up to 2 crores for setting up primary processing units in millets. To encourage farmers to take up millet cultivation, higher Minimum Support Prices (MSP) to Jowar, Bajra and Ragi has been announced.
