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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1764 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/08/2023

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1764. SHRI M. MOHAMED ABDULLA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that small and marginal farmers and farm workers suffered due to failure of crops, resulting in mounting loses beyond redemption;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the effective steps taken by Government to increase financial support to farmers to mitigate their crisis;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to increase financial support provided under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Yojana to farmers from ₹6,000 per annum to ₹9,000 per annum; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The State Government is primarily responsible for providing necessary relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. For undertaking relief measures, funds are available with the State Government in the form of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for natural calamities of severe nature, as per the established procedures. The assistance approved under SDRF/NDRF norms is provided in the form of relief. The Ministry of Home Affairs revised the items and norms of assistance under SDRF & NDRF on 10.10.2022. The revised assistance for agriculture input subsidy, where crop loss is 33% & above, is as under:

	(a) Rainfed (agriculture crops, horticulture crops &	Rs.8,500/- per ha, subject to a minimum
	annual plantation crops)	assistance of not less than Rs.1,000/- per
		farmer.
	(b) Irrigated (agriculture crops, horticulture crops &	Rs.17,000/- per ha, subject to a
	annual plantation crops)	minimum assistance of not less than
		Rs.2,000/- per farmer.

(c) Perennial crops/ Agro-forestry	Rs.22,500/- per ha, subject to a
(plantation in own farmland)	minimum assistance of not less than
	Rs.2,500/- per farmer.

(c) & (d): Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is a central sector scheme to supplement the financial needs of land holding farmers of the country, subject to certain exclusion criteria related to higher economic status. Under the scheme, income support of Rs.6,000/- per year, in three equal installments of Rs.2,000/-, is provided. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government for increasing the yearly financial assistance from Rs.6,000/- to Rs.9,000/- under this scheme.
