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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1783
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/08/2023

SUPPORT TO LIME CULTIVATORS

1783. SHRI MASTHAN RAO BEEDA:

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

- (a) the support being extended to lime cultivators in Andhra Pradesh under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH);
- (b) whether lime cultivators who have experienced huge losses in Andhra Pradesh have been given any compensation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) schemes being implemented to ensure that lime cultivators get remunerative prices for their produce;
- (e) whether Government is considering to allocate funds under MIDH to support horticulture farmers and compensate them for loss of crops due to variation in rainfall; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) Under MIDH scheme, assistance is provided for activities related to production and productivity improvement of horticulture crops including lime through various interventions. Under MIDH, assistance is also provided for activities such as production of planting material, coverage of area with improved cultivars, rejuvenation of senile orchards, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, adoption of INM/IPM, organic farming etc. Capacity buildings of farmers and technicians are also provided for adopting improved technologies. Scheme also envisages creation of Post Harvest Management (PHM) and marketing of horticulture produce including lime.

(b) & (c) During the recent unseasonal rains, an area of 174.12 Ha., has been damaged and Input Subsidy of Rs. 34.82 Lakh @ Rs.20,000/- per ha. has been paid to 426 farmers from the SDRF funds of State Government.

(d) Government is implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the Price Support Scheme (PSS). The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of a bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels and cost of production.

(e) & (f) Yes Sir. During 2023-24 an amount of Rs. 96.00 crore (GoI) has been allocated to Andhra Pradesh under MIDH scheme for carrying out activities related to horticulture development in the State. Compensation for loss of crops, input subsidy is being provided by State Government from SDRF funds.
