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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 988 ANSWERED ON- 28/07/2023

ASSURANCE OF DOUBLING FARMERS' INCOME

988. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has assured farmers that their income will be doubled by the year 2022;
- (b) if so, whether Government has been able to fulfill this assurance to farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Government had constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee in April, 2016 to examine issues relating to "Doubling of Farmers Income (DFI)" and recommend strategies to achieve the same. The Committee submitted its final report to the Government in September, 2018 containing the recommendations for doubling of farmers' income through various policies, reforms & programmes. To achieve the objective, the Committee identified following seven sources of income growth: -

- i. Increase in crop productivity
- ii. Increase in livestock productivity
- iii. Resource use efficiency reduction in cost of production
- iv. Increase in cropping intensity
- v. Diversification to high value agriculture
- vi. Remunerative prices on farmers' produce
- vii. Shift of surplus manpower from farm to non-farm occupations

As per the strategy, Government has adopted and implemented several policies, reforms, developmental programmes and schemes for achieving higher incomes for the farmers directly

or indirectly. The unprecedented enhanced budgetary provisions have been made to facilitate the following efforts of the Government.

- 1. Income support to farmers through PM KISAN
- 2. Pradhan Mantri Fasal BimaYojana (PMFBY)
- 3. Institutional credit for agriculture sector
- 4. Fixing of Minimum Support Price (MSP) at one-and-a half times the cost of production
- 5. Promotion of organic farming in the country
- 6. Per Drop More Crop
- 7. Micro Irrigation Fund
- 8. Promotion of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)
- 9. A National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
- 10. Agricultural Mechanization
- 11. Providing Soil Health Cards to farmers
- 12. Setting up of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) extension Platform
- 13. Launch of the National Mission for Edible Oils Oil Palm
- 14. Agri Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
- 15. Improvement in farm produce logistics, Introduction of Kisan Rail.
- 16. MIDH Cluster Development Programme:
- 17. Creation of a Start-up Eco system in agriculture and allied sector
- 18. Achievement in Export of Agri and Allied Agri- Commodities

Implementation of these schemes has yielded remarkable results towards augmenting the income of the farmers. As part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has released a book, which contains compilation of success stories of 75,000 farmers out of innumerable successful farmers who have increased their income more than two times.
