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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 09/08/2024

PROMOTION OF CASHEW THROUGH TECHNOLOGY DISSEMINATION

2085. SHRI GOLLA BABURAO:

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

- (a) whether Government has promoted cashew through technology dissemination in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to promote research and development for innovation and technology dissemination in cashew sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Government of India is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW) for overall development of horticulture including development and technology dissemination programmes for cashewnut through Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development (DCCD), Kochi in the country including Andhra Pradesh. DCCD implements technology dissemination programmes in association with State Agricultural Universities (SAUs)/ Research Institutes. These programmes are field level training programmes on cultivation aspects/ production technologies of cashew, exposure visit of farmers to outside state, district seminar on cashew, training on cashew apple utilization, production forecast survey on cashew and front line demonstration plots of cashew.

(c) & (d): Dr. Y.S.R. Horticultural University, Andhra Pradesh- Cashew Research Station (CRS), Bapatla conducts focussed research and extension activities for cashewnut in Andhra Pradesh. All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on cashewnut and four (04) Krishi

Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have mandate for development and transfer of technology on cashewnut in Andhra Pradesh, which includes farmers training programmes on innovation technology, capacity building of field offices, field surveys, advisories, Front Line Demonstration (FLD), supply of Quality Planting Material and suggest remedial measures for disease and pest out breaks for cashewnut. AICRP on cashewnut at CRS, Bapatla has developed high yielding varieties like BPP-5, BPP-8, BPP-9, BPP-10, BPP-11 which are very popular among the farming community. Various technologies have been developed by the research station on fertilizer schedule, foliar sprays, top working and management of cashew stem and root borer.
