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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 498
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07/02/2025

POST-HARVEST LOSS SUFFERED BY FARMERS

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

- (a) the quantitative data on post-harvest loss suffered by farmers in the year 2024-25;
- (b) the details of challenges faced by farmers relating to cost-price inadequacy for production of crops and vegetables in last three years and the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether Government maintains records of annual wastage of crops and vegetables due to inadequacy of cost price given to the farmers, if so, the data thereof, and
- (d) the data on the schemes launched by the Ministry for welfare of farmers which are not effective, the steps taken by the Ministry in furtherance of this?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d): Data on post-harvest loss suffered by farmers and records of annual wastage of crops and vegetables is not maintained centrally.

Government of India has taken steps/ implementing various schemes namely, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Man Dhan Yojana, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Formation & promotion of 10,000 FPOs scheme, National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) scheme, National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF), National Horticulture Mission, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Soil Health Card, National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), etc for the welfare of farmers. Integrated scheme of PM-AASHA with the components of Price Support Scheme (PSS) Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) and Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) are also implemented to support procurement operations that help in providing remunerative prices

to the farmers. These also control the price volatility of essential commodities by ensuring their availability at affordable prices to consumers.

The Government has been proactive in taking steps to address the issues faced during the implementation of the scheme, if any. The focus has been on improving the accessibility, reach, and effectiveness of these schemes, especially through technological innovations, infrastructure development, and better coordination between central and state agencies.
