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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2256
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/08/2025

IMPLEMENTATION OF SEED VILLAGE PROGRAMME IN JHARKHAND

2256.   SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) the districts of Jharkhand where the Seed Village Programme is operational and the number of farmers benefited from this scheme so far;

(b) whether a digital portal/tracking system has been adopted in Jharkhand to ensure timely delivery and quality control in the seed distribution process; and

(c) if so, the name of the agency which is operating this system and the manner in which the participation of farmers has been ensured, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR)

(a):   As reported by the Government of Jharkhand, Seed Village Programme of erstwhile Sub-Mission on Seed & Planting Material (now renamed as National Food Security & Nutrition Mission: Seed) was implemented in Khunti, Dhanbad, Hazaribagh, Chatra, Lohardaga, Garhwa, East Singhbhum, Palamu and Ranchi districts of Jharkhand in the year 2024-25 benefitting 270 farmers.

(b) & (c):   Government of Jharkhand has a digital portal/tracking system (https://jharkhandseed.com) to ensure timely delivery and quality control in seed distribution process. The agency namely SettleMint India Services Pvt. Ltd. is operating the said system. The said portal runs on a block chain-based platform and farmers are registered on the system with their Aadhar Card number and mobile number and seed distribution is logged into the system after one time password (OTP) verification. Over 17 lakh farmers, 1200 Large Area Multi-Purpose Societies /Primary Agricultural Credit Societies/Private distributors have been registered on this platform ensuring transparency and authenticity of seeds received by the farmers.

The Government of India has also launched Seed Authentication, Traceability and Holistic Inventory (SATHI) portal to ensure end to end visibility and traceability of seed throughout their lifecycle and Government of Jharkhand has already on-boarded this system for implementation in the State.

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