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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2245
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/12/2025

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF 100 DISTRICTS UNDER PMDDKY

2245. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) the criteria adopted for selecting 100 districts under the Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhaan Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY);
- (b) whether any districts from Maharashtra have been included in the initial phase, along with the components and nature of projects proposed in each district;
- (c) whether the Yojana includes targeted interventions to help farmers shift from water intensive or low-yield crops to sustainable, high-value crops in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) plans to establish cold storage, warehouses, or irrigation systems in drought-prone areas like Marathwada and Vidarbha; and
- (e) steps to ensure participation of FPOs, women farmers, and Self-Help Groups in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Under the Prime Minister Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), 100 districts have been identified based on three criteria of lower crop productivity, lower cropping intensity and lesser short term credit disbursement.
- (b): Nine districts from Maharashtra (Palghar, Yavatmal, Gadchiroli, Dhule, Raigad, Chandrapur, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, Nanded and Beed) have been selected under DDKY.
- (c) to (e): The scheme aims to enhance agricultural productivity, increase adoption of crop diversification and sustainable agricultural practices, augment post-harvest storage at the panchayat and block levels, improve irrigation facilities and facilitate availability of long-term and short-term credit.

District Action Plan is envisioned by the District Dhan Dhaanya Samiti in consultation with stakeholders, including farmers and panchayat functionaries. To improve irrigation facilities measures such as construction of farm ponds, water harvesting structures, micro-irrigation and training of farmers for water-use efficiency have been included in the District Action Plans, including in districts of Maharashtra. Creation of infrastructure (storage, value addition & processing units) are outcome indicators for tracking scheme progress. Similarly, increased reach of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and availing of equity forms part of Output indicators of DDKY, to ensure participations of FPOs and Farmer Interest Group (FIG) or Self-Help Groups (SHG) therein.

To augment cold storage and warehouses, District Action Plans include construction of godowns, cold storage and pack houses through Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and state schemes. Further, the district plans include setting up of godowns and primary processing units via FPOs/SHGs and training of FPOs on market linkages & digital platforms in districts identified under PMDDKY in the State of Maharashtra.
