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SCHEMES FOR FARMERS' WELFARE IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

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

- (a) the major schemes currently being implemented by Government for farmers' welfare and agricultural development in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the financial assistance provided to Himachal Pradesh under these schemes during the last three years, scheme-wise and the number of farmers benefited thereunder; and
- (c) whether Government is considering launching any special initiative/package to promote natural farming, apple/horticulture and climate-resilient agriculture in the hilly and rain-fed areas of Himachal Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Government of India is implementing a comprehensive range of Central Sector as well as Centrally Sponsored Schemes and programmes for the farmers' welfare and agricultural development in the country including Himachal Pradesh. The list of schemes implemented by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is attached as **Annexure I**. The financial assistance provided to Himachal Pradesh under these schemes are placed at **Annexure II**. The number of farmers benefitted during the last three years is attached as **Annexure III**.

(c): DA&FW is implementing National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF), Mission for Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Rainfed Area Development (RAD) for promotion of natural farming, apple/horticulture and climate-resilient agriculture in the hilly and rain-fed areas of Himachal Pradesh. The details of these schemes are as under:

National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) –Under NMNF, Output based incentive to Krishi Sakhis for hand-holding, training, extension and documentation is provided for 2 years. Block level mission is implemented to create awareness generation to Gram Panchayat, farmers, SHG women, etc. Assistance ₹4000/- per acre per year for a cluster of 50Ha land for 2 years is provided to the willing farmers. Natural Farming certification for willing farmers is also provided. Orientation programmes are also conducted at Block Level for willing farmers.

Mission for Development of Horticulture (MIDH) was implemented for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic & medicinal plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. Under MIDH, assistance is provided for activities related to production and productivity improvement of horticulture crops including mango through various interventions. Assistance is also provided for activities such as production of planting material, vegetable seed production, coverage of area with improved cultivars, rejuvenation of senile orchards, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), organic farming, including in-situ generation of organic inputs are taken up for development of fruits and vegetables. Capacity building of farmers and technicians are also provided for adopting improved technologies. Scheme also envisages creation of post-harvest management (PHM) and marketing for better price realization of produce.

Rainfed Area Development (RAD) focuses on Integrated Farming System (IFS) for enhancing productivity and minimizing risks associated with climatic variability. Under RAD, crops/cropping system is integrated with activities like horticulture, livestock, fishery, agro-forestry, apiculture etc. to enable farmers not only in maximizing farm returns for sustaining livelihood, but also to mitigate the impacts of drought, flood or other extreme weather events. Financial assistance of Rs. 30,000/- is provided to each farming family under RAD component irrespective of the size of their land holding.

ANNEXURE I

The list of the schemes implemented by the Government to support States in agriculture

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
3. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
4. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
5. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
6. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 new Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)
7. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
8. Namo Drone Didi
9. National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
10. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
11. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE)
12. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
13. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
14. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
15. Soil Health & Fertility (SH&F)
16. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
17. Agroforestry
18. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
19. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
20. Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)
21. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
22. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM)
23. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
24. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
25. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oilseeds
26. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region
27. Digital Agriculture Mission
28. National Bamboo Mission
29. Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana
30. Mission for Atmanirbharta in Pulses

ANNEXURE II

Scheme wise details of funds allocated and released under major Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by the DA&FW in Himachal Pradesh during 2022-23 to 2024-25 is given below:

(Rs in Crore)

S. N.	Name of Mission/Scheme	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
		Release	Release	Release
A	Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojna			
1	Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojna-DPR	0	3.66	8.69
2	Sub- Mission on Agricultural Mechanization	15.29	3.46	20.74
3	Per Drop More Crop	0	5	7.88
4	Rain fed Area Development	0	1.78	5.00
5	Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojna	0	1.24	7.44
6	Soil Health & Fertility	0.26	0.48	1.43
7	Sub Mission on Agroforestry	-	0.50	1.08
	Total Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojna	15.55	16.12	52.26
B	Krishionnati Yojana			
1	National Food Security Mission	2.99	7.08	5.13
2	Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture	17.5	7.95	12.75
3	Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension	15.5	15.34	12.75
4	Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Material	10.15	4.34	4.36
5	National Bamboo Mission	0.00	0.75	2.00
	Total Krishionnati Yojana	46.14	35.46	36.99
C	National Mission on Natural Farming	-	-	0.239

ANNEXURE III

Details of number of farmers benefited in Himachal Pradesh:

S. N.	Name of Scheme	Year	Farmer Benefited
1.	Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-Detailed Project Report	2022-23	-
		2023-24	37506
		2024-25	15881
2.	Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization	2022-23	2084
		2023-24	865
		2024-25	2145
3.	Per Drop More Crop	2022-23	1337
		2023-24	653
		2024-25	1102
4.	Rainfed Area Development	2022-23	9038
		2023-24	9620
		2024-25	8694
5.	Parampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana	2022-23	38783
		2023-24	38783
		2024-25	31301
6.	Soil Health & Fertility	2022-23	24000
		2023-24	12361
		2024-25	74084
7.	National Food Security Mission	2022-23	79809
		2023-24	65581
		2024-25	60001
8.	Mission Integrated Development of Horticulture	2022-23	3545
		2023-24	4328
		2024-25	1898
9.	Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension	2022-23	19835
		2023-24	46646
		2024-25	46087
10.	Sub Mission on Seed and Planting Material	2022-23	162500
		2023-24	87400
		2024-25	132280
11.	National Bamboo Mission	2022-23	-
		2023-24	-
		2024-25	786
12.	Agroforestry	2022-23	-
		2023-24	145
		2024-25	1205
13.	National Mission on Natural Farming	2022-23	-
		2023-24	-
		2024-25	23675
