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SELF-RELIANCE IN PULSES PRODUCTION

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses to reduce dependence on imports;
- (b) the targets fixed for increasing domestic pulses production;
- (c) the support proposed for pulse growers through procurement, storage and processing facilities; and
- (d) the expected impact of the Mission on farmers' income and national food security?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Yes, the Government of India has launched the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses on 1st October, 2025, with a financial outlay of ₹ 11,440 Crore, with the aim of boosting domestic production and achieving self-sufficiency (Aatmanirbharta) in pulses over a six-year period from 2025-26 to 2030-31. The objective of the Mission is to enhance production and productivity of pulses with a special focus on Tur, Urad, Masoor, increase area under pulses cultivation, ensure availability of climate resilient seeds for farmers, promote post-harvest storage and management technology etc.

(b): To attain self sufficiency , under the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, it is targeted to increase total pulses production from 252 lakh tonnes in 2024-25 to 350 lakh tonnes in 2030-2031 , total area under pulses cultivation from 276 lakh ha to 310 lakh ha and productivity from 914kg per ha to 1130 Kg/ha during the same period .

(c): To ensure remunerative prices to farmers, based on requisitions made by the States the Mission supports assured procurement of Tur, Urad, Masoor from all registered and willing farmers under Price Support Scheme (PSS) of Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) by Central Nodal Agencies. Other notified pulses are procured on the request of the State Govts , up to 25 percent of production of the particular pulses in the state , at Minimum Support Price (MSP) as and when the market prices of these commodities fall below the notified MSP during peak harvesting period.

Under the Pulses Mission, in order to strengthen post-harvest infrastructure, financial assistance up to Rs. 25 lakh is being provided for setting up processing units. A total of 1000 processing units have

been approved for the Mission period. In addition, under Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme (PMFME Scheme) of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, credit-linked capital subsidy assistance is provided to individual micro food processing units at the rate of 35% of the eligible project cost with a maximum ceiling of Rs.10.0 lakh per unit.

To reduce post-harvest losses and improve the storage and marketing of agricultural produce, the Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI) Scheme, of the Department provides financial assistance for the construction or renovation of godowns and warehouses in rural areas. The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) facilitates medium to long term debt financing for creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and viable farming assets including warehouses, cold storage, silos , primary processing centers etc .The Scheme provides 3% interest subvention and credit guarantee support on loans up to Rs 2 cr for eligible borrowers subject to a maximum lending rate of 9% per annum.

(d): The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses focuses on expanding cultivation area, boosting domestic production and improving yields, thereby enhancing food and nutritional security. It empowers farmers to access to high quality seeds, capacity building, improved post harvest infrastructure and assured procurement which together contribute to increased rural income and livelihood.
