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IMPLEMENTATION OF NMEO-OP IN TELANGANA

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

- (a) the initiatives being undertaken to strengthen Telangana's role as a leading palm oil producing State under National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP);
- (b) the measures taken to support integrated palm oil value chains through expansion of processing facilities, logistics and market linkages, especially in Telangana; and
- (c) the steps being taken to promote sustainable cultivation, intercropping and adoption of modern technologies for enhancing farmers' income while contributing to India's edible oil self-reliance?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Telangana under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP), has covered about 98,111 hectares area under oil palm plantation from 2021-22 to 2025-26. To support expansion of area under oil palm, assistance is provided for production and distribution of quality planting material, maintenance of plantations during gestation period, intercropping to augment farmers' income, micro-irrigation for efficient water use, establishment of seed gardens and nurseries for ensuring availability of quality seedlings, and capacity building of farmers. Progress under the Mission is regularly reviewed with the State Government and industry stakeholders to monitor implementation, address bottlenecks and ensure timely achievement of plantation targets. From 2021-22 to 2025-26, central assistance of Rs 395.79 crores has been released to Telangana under NMEO-OP.

(b): NMEO-OP adopts an integrated value chain approach by promoting synchronized expansion of plantations alongside the establishment of adequate processing capacity by industry. Under the provisions of the Oil Palm Act, 1993 of Telangana, oil palm companies have to establish processing mills at their own cost and procure Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFBs) through designated

collection centres at the price fixed by the State Government. This minimises transportation time and better market access for farmers. As informed by the State Government, three processing units with a combined capacity of 150 Tonne Per Hour (TPH) are being operated by M/s TG Oilfed, and one private processing unit of 30 TPH capacity has been established. Total processing capacity of 180 TPH is currently operational in Telangana.

(c): The Mission promotes oil palm plantation and adoption of scientific package of practices as standardized by Indian Council of Agricultural Research – Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research. These include in-situ mulching, biomass recycling and integrated water and nutrient management practices.

Assistance of Rs 42,000 per hectares is provided to the farmers for the initial four years towards maintenance and intercropping to encourage farmers to undertake intercropping. As informed by the State, farmers are undertaking intercropping with vegetables, fruits, pulses, oilseeds and millets during the gestation period. In mature plantations farmers are being encouraged to take up high value inter-crops like cocoa.
