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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.585
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2017

REFORM IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR BY NITI AAYOG

585. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the draft prepared by the NITI Aayog for reforms in agriculture sector and doubling farmers' income and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether the pace of agriculture reform is quite slow in States due to which farmers are in a state of dismay and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the unemployed farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to create employment opportunities for such farmers and to bring down excessive dependency on agriculture sector?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- (a): Yes, Madam. The Government is aware of the roadmap outlined by NITI Aayog for reforms in agriculture sector and doubling farmers income by 2022. The Roadmap presents a quantitative framework for doubling farmers' income which has identified seven sources of growth. These are:
- (i) increase in productivity of crops.
 - (ii) increase in production of livestock.
 - (iii) improvement in efficiency of input use (cost saving).
 - (iv) increase in crop intensity.
 - (v) diversification towards high value crops.
 - (vi) improved price realization by farmers.
 - (vii) shift of cultivators to non-farm jobs.

This Policy paper was shared with the States/UTs for devising a relevant strategy so as to realize the goal of doubling farmers' income by 2022. Apart from the above, the Department has also constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee for recommending suitable strategy.

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(b): Agriculture is a State subject and the State Governments are primarily responsible for the growth and development of agriculture sector in their respective States. The role of Central Government is to supplement the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures and budgetary support.

(c): The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducted "Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households" during NSS 70th round (January 2013- December 2013) in the rural areas of the country with reference to the agricultural year July 2012- June 2013. The information on unemployed farmers in the country is not available in the data collected during the above NSSO survey.

(d): The Department is working out specific interventions for promoting ancillary activities like bee-keeping and also finalizing farm sector programmes under the 'Skill India' programme to improve employment opportunities and to reduce over dependence on the agriculture sector.
