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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5223
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH MARCH, 2018

MAJOR PROBLEM OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR

5223. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ₣đŠääÓä एवं किसान कल्याण ½ää"ääè
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that lower agricultural returns have been a major problem plaguing Indian agricultural sector which is the outcome of anomalous agricultural policies which have remained in force for such a long time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any comprehensive policy with a view to ensuring a fixed income for the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (d): The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is realigning its interventions to focus on income of farmers in addition to making production better. For this purpose, the Department is implementing various schemes to meet this objective viz. Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme, Neem Coated Urea, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), National Agriculture Market Scheme (e-NAM), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Interest Subvention Scheme etc.

Further, the Government is targeting to double the income of the farmers by the year 2022. To achieve this, the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to examine various dimensions of farmers' income and to recommend an appropriate strategy.