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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5261
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH MARCH, 2018

REDUCTION IN AGRICULTURAL COST

5261. SHRI NATUBHAI GOMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE $\ddot{\text{a}}\ddot{\text{o}}\ddot{\text{S}}\ddot{\text{a}}\ddot{\text{a}}\ddot{\text{O}}\ddot{\text{a}}$ एवं किसान कल्याण $\frac{1}{2}\ddot{\text{a}}\ddot{\text{a}}\ddot{\text{a}}\ddot{\text{e}}$ be pleased to state:

- whether the Government is formulating any scheme to reduce agricultural cost and to increase the production so as to overcome agricultural crisis, if so, the details thereof;
- whether the Government is considering to take the assistance of NITI Aayog in this regard;
- if so, the details of the scheme and the time by which it is likely to be launched; and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (d): No, Madam. However, the Government is implementing various schemes to synchronise with higher gains for the farmers. Details are as follows:-

- For higher production through productivity gains
 - National Food Security Mission (NFSM)- cereals, pulses, oilseeds, nutri-rich cereals, commercial crops
 - Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)- high growth rate of horticulture crops.
- For reduction in cost of cultivation
 - Soil Health Card (SHC) (2 year cycle)- ensure judicious use of fertilizer application and thus save money of farmers.
 - Neem Coated Urea (NCU) (universal)- is being promoted to regulate use of urea, enhance availability of nitrogen to the crop and reduce cost of fertilizer application
 - The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) – micro irrigation component (1.2 million ha/yr target)- with the motto of 'Har Khet Ko Paani' for providing end-to-

end solutions in irrigation supply chain, comprising water sources, distribution network and farm level applications.

- Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) – PKVY is being implemented with a view to promote organic farming in the country. This will improve soil health and organic matter content and increase net income of the farmer so as to realise premium prices.
- To ensure remunerative returns
- National Agriculture Market Scheme (e-NAM) is an innovative market process to revolutionize agri-markets by ensuring better price discovery, bringing in transparency and competition to enable farmers to get improved remuneration for their produce moving towards 'One Nation One Market'
- A new model "The Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2017" has been released on 24th April, 2017 for its adoption by States/UTs. This has been derived after many deliberations over the earlier model APMC Act 2003 and the need for inclusion of progressive reforms required in the agriculture marketing sector. In the Model APLM Act, 2017, provisions includes setting up of private markets, direct marketing, farmer-consumer markets, special commodity markets, declaring warehouses/silos/cold storages or such structures as market sub yards. The model Act is in different stages of adoption by various states.
- Warehousing and post-harvest loans at concessional rate of interest so as to discourage distress sale by farmers and to encourage them to store their produce in warehouses against negotiable receipts.
- Minimum Support Price (MSP) is notified by the Government for certain crops.
- Procurement of oilseeds, pulses and cotton are undertaken by central agencies at MSP under Price Support Scheme (PSS) at the request of the concerned State Government.
- Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agriculture & horticulture products, which are perishable in nature and are not covered under PSS.
- For risk management and sustainable practices.
- Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) & Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWCIS) (cover 50% GCA by 2018-19)- provides insurance cover at all stages of the crop cycle including post-harvest risks in specified instances and available to the farmers at very low rates of premium.
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- Mission organic Farming in North-East- MoVCD (NE) - Realizing the potential of organic farming in the North Eastern Region of the country.

The NITI Aayog has brought a Policy document on "Doubling of Farmers' Income : Rationale, Strategy, Prospects and Action Plan" wherein it is indicated the

reducing of the cost of cultivation. The Department has also constituted a Committee to examine issues relating to doubling of farmers' income by the year 2022.
