

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.584**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL CRISIS**

584. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:  
SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:  
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to identify the areas which are facing agricultural crisis in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to solve the problem of agricultural crisis in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to promote the use of modern agricultural techniques instead of conventional method for sustainable growth and development in the agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c): Agrarian distress as manifest from large number of farmers living below the poverty (BPL) line and unfortunate incidents of suicides can be addressed by enabling the farmers to increase their income. Agriculture is state subject. However, 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. In the meanwhile, the Government is realigning its interventions to focus on income of farmers in addition to better production issues. The Department is, therefore, 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.

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(d): Scheme on Submission on Agricultural Mechanisation (SMAM) is being operated in which financial assistance as cost subsidy is being provided for individual ownership of farm machinery.

In order to achieve fast paced growth and increasing agricultural production, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has prioritized research and development programmes in rice, wheat, maize, millets, fodder crops, oilseeds, pulses, sugarcane, cotton and other fiber crops.

The crop improvement programmes lay emphasis on development of new crop varieties/hybrids with improved quality and tolerance/resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses and enabling crops to withstand extremities of weather.

Improved varieties and production technologies were also demonstrated at the farmers' fields by the ICAR institutes, State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) through frontline demonstrations (FLD) programme to create awareness among farmers.

Kisan Suvidha Mobile App has been launched by the Government which provides information to farmers on weather, plant protection, input dealers, agro-advisory and marketing. Besides, Pusa Krishi Mobile App, Agri-Market App and Crop Insurance Mobile App have also been launched for the benefit of farmers.

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