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SURVEY ON AGRICULTURAL HOUSEHOLDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ऋढँŞããÓã ँवं कलसान कल्याण ½ãã"ããè be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) has conducted the "Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households" during the agricultural year July 2012- June 2013 and between 2014 to 2017 and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether information on unemployed farmers in the country has not been maintained during the NSSO survey, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government has worked out specific interventions for promoting ancillary activities for farmers under the 'Skill India' programme to improve employment opportunities and to reduce over dependence on the agriculture sector, if so, the details of achievement during the last three years State-wise including District Satna?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

ऋढँŞããÓã ँवं कलसान कल्याण ½ãã"ããÈã¼ã ½ããñã Àã¼ã ½ãã"ããè (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): In order to have a comprehensive assessment of the situation of farmers in the country, Government of India conducts 'Situation Assessment Survey' (SAS) of farmer households/ agricultural households from time to time. The Survey was last conducted by the NSSO during its 70th Round (January 2013-December 2013) to collect information on various aspects of farming and other socio-economic characteristics of agricultural households, viz., income and productive assets, consumer expenditure, indebtedness, farming practices and preferences, resource availability, awareness of technological developments and access to modern technology in the field of agriculture, information on crop loss, crop insurance, etc. However, NSSO did not conduct any Situation Assessment Survey of agricultural households between 2014 to 2017.

The information on unemployed farmers is not collected under the Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households of NSS 70th round. However, the Survey, conducted in two visits, collected the information on the principal activity status of the household members with respect to the two halves of the reference period and captured the change in principal activity status from the first half of the agricultural year to the second half.

(c): With a view to create a pool of skilled manpower in the agriculture & allied sector, Government is making concerted efforts to impart skill based training through its existing institutional mechanism.

A number of ongoing schemes and programmes being implemented by the Government have an inbuilt component of capacity building and training of farmers in the field of agriculture and allied sectors. During 2016-17, 203 skill training courses (200 hours duration) conducted through 108 training institutes (100 Krishi Vigyan Kendras of ICAR and 8 National Training Institutes of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare) through funding assistance of Rs.3.52 crore from Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana(RKVY) in which 3549 candidates were certified. Under the Satna district of Madhya Pradesh a total of 30 candidates certified during 2016-17 in the job role of "Quality Seed Grower".
