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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1107
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH JULY, 2018

SETTING UP OF A COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS FARMERS ISSUES

1107. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ऋदुशुआओ एवँ कलुडलण कलुडलण ½ãâããè
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up any Committee to address issues of farmers suicides', MSP, better remunerative prices for their crops, incentives for their paddy and other seasonal crops and adoption of Israeli irrigation technology in the farm field, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to introduce loan waiver scheme for farmers in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): Agriculture is a State subject. Agrarian distress can be addressed by enabling the farmers to increase their income. 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 taken a number of measures. The Government is aiming to reorient the agriculture sector by focusing on an income-centeredness in addition to pure production centeredness approach. The Department has, therefore, been 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.

This Department is implementing Indo – Israel Action Plan for the development of horticulture. Under this action plan, 28 Centre of Excellence (CoEs) have been established for various horticulture crops in different States. The CoE are established for demonstration of latest technologies which include irrigation and fertigation technologies, training of farmers and field staff and supply of quality planting material.

(b) & (c): The Union Government at present is not considering any loan waiver Scheme for farmers. However, the State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Chhattisgarh and Union Territory

(UT) of Puducherry have in the recent past announced their own farm loan/debt waiver schemes to extend relief to the needy farmers in those States/UT.
