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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 117
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH DECEMBER, 2018

PROBLEMS FACED BY FARMERS

117. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the main problems faced by farmers are high cost of labour, agriculture, equipment, seeds, chemicals, water crisis, inter-State water disputes, lack of awareness, lack of direct integration with the market and climate change;
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to launch a programme for farmers' awareness;
- (c) the number of schemes launched by the Government for farmers during the last three years alongwith the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

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): Yes. High costs of farm inputs, non-availability of irrigation, water disputes among states, market imperfections and abrupt change in weather are the challenges before the farmers. To overcome these challenges, the Union Government supplemented the State Governments' efforts towards tackling these problems by special initiatives. These includes Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan started from 1st June, 2018 till 31st July, 2018; and extension efforts under Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Kisan Call Centre and information dissemination under various other agricultural production schemes; MKisan, Farmers portal and development of mobile apps.

(c) & (d): Agriculture being a State subject, the State Governments are primarily responsible for addressing these issues.

Government of India, however, supplements the efforts of the State Governments through implementation of various Schemes/ Programmes. These include, *inter alia*, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Soil Health Card, Neem Coated Urea, National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), National Agriculture Market scheme (e-NAM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Bamboo Mission, Blue Revolution, Rashtriya Gokul Mission, etc.
