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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH DECEMBER, 2018

EASE OF DOING AGRI-BUSINESS INDEX

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

- (a) whether the Government is proposing to introduce a new 'Ease of Doing Agri-Business Index', if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether States will be ranked in the index on the basis of indicators related to agri-business, if so, details of the indicators that will be the basis of such ranking and the weightage given to each indicator; and
- (c) whether any extra funding will be provided to high-ranking States, if so, details of the schemes or other mechanisms through which such extra funding will be dispersed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): Agriculture being a State subject, the State Government undertakes development of perspective plans and ensures effective implementation of the programmes/schemes. Also, Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments through various Schemes/Programmes.

The Government has been reorienting the agriculture sector by focusing on an income-centeredness which goes beyond achieving merely the targeted production. The income approach focuses on achieving high productivity, reduced cost of cultivation and remunerative price on the produce, with a view to earn higher profits from farming. For this purpose, the Government has set a target of doubling of farmers' income by the year 2022. The Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to examine issues relating to doubling of farmers' income and recommended a strategy to achieve doubling of farmers' income in real terms by the year 2022.

To ensure that the reform agenda of Government is implemented at a desired pace by all States/UTs, a need is felt to develop a competitive spirit between the States. Keeping this in mind to rank the States through an Index i.e. ease of doing agri-business, a concept note alongwith parameters for developing an Index has been circulated to all States/UTs. The concept is to consider farming not solely as a production oriented activity carried out to achieve food security for the country, but as a business activity carried out by farmer as entrepreneur.

(c): At present, there is no such proposal.
