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DOUBLING THE INCOME OF FARMERS AND INDO-ISRAELI TIES

1345. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

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

- (a) the details of the measures taken by the Government to increase the agriculture production and double the income of farmers;
- (b) whether the Government has signed any deal with Israel to get the latest techniques for increasing agriculture production;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any Indo-Israel task force has been formed in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the time by which the positive results are likely to be seen at the ground?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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

(a): In order to increase the agriculture production & productivity of foodgrain crops in the country, the Government has been implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM) programme. The objectives of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is to increase production of foodgrains through area expansion and productivity enhancement in a sustainable manner in the identified districts of the country, restoring soil fertility and productivity at the individual farm level; and enhancing farm level economy (i.e. farm profits) to restore confidence amongst the farmers. The programme is being implemented in identified districts of all the 29 States.

In addition, in order to double the income of the farmers, Government of India also supplement the efforts of the states to diversify agricultural/horticultural crops through various schemes/programmes viz. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)/ Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)/ National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)/Rainfed Area Development (RAD), etc in the country.

(b) to (e): The Government is implementing three years Indo-Israel Agriculture Action Plan since 2008 as part of MoU (1993) between India and Israel for cooperation in the field of agriculture. Presently, this agriculture action plan is in operation from the period 2015-18. The area of cooperation include activities in the field of water and soil management, arid and semi-arid crop production, fruit and vegetable production, post-harvest, plant protection and control, farm mechanization and technology, agricultural training and extension.

This three year action plan includes transfer of technology for horticulture development. Under the action plan, Centres of Excellence (CoE) are established with technical cooperation from Israel experts. The main objectives of establishment of these Centres of Excellences are demonstration of technologies, training and production of planting material. As per MoU, Israeli experts also travel to these centres and impart hands on training to horticulture field staff and farmers.
