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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH DECEMBER, 2018

MONITORING OF PESTICIDE USE AND GENDER DISPARITY IN AGRICULTURE

1366. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to monitor the using of fertilizers and other inputs in agricultural practices by the farmers based on the dosage mentioned in Soil Health Card to ensure nutrition value in food;
- (b) the efforts taken by the Government to overcome the declining farm holdings among farmers in India;
- (c) the effective steps taken by the Government to counter and balance the gender disparity in ownership of cultivable land in agriculture; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps for women to have access to financial resources and modern inputs to make farming more productive and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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

(a): Government has been promoting soil test based balanced use of fertilizers under Soil health Cards scheme. Farmers Field schools, demonstrations, training to farmers have been conducted under various schemes such as Soil Health Management, National Food Security Mission, 'Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach' etc. to spread awareness about judicious of fertilizers and pesticides.

(b): Government has adopted cluster based approach under schemes such as Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, Mission Organic Value Chain Development in North East region etc., so that small and marginal farmers can be grouped into farmers groups/Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOS) to ensure marketable surplus and remunerative prices to their produce. Promotion of integrated farming system, promotion of farm machinery suitable for small farms through Customs Hiring Centres are also helping in better production and productivity.

(c) & (d): Under major agriculture schemes/programmes, 30% of funds are allocated for women farmers. Focus is also being given on formation of women Self Help Groups (SHGs), capacity-building interventions, linking them to micro credit, enhancing their access to information and ensuring their representation in decision-making bodies at various levels.