GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3449 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST JANUARY, 2019

SOFTWARE FOR PROCESSING AGMARK APPLICATIONS

3449. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

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

(a) whether the Government has recently launched an online software for processing applications related to quality certification mark 'Agmark' for agricultural products, if so, the details thereof.

(b) whether the new online system will make the processes easy, reliable and cost effective and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it also has provisions for online receipt of fees from the applicants as payment, 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 GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): Yes Madam. The Government has launched an online software 'Agmark Online' or 'Agmark Quality Control Management System (AQCMS)' for processing applications related to quality certification mark "Agmark" for agricultural products. The applicant can submit application for grant of Certificate of Authorisation to packed certified products under Agmark. The application is processed online and Certificate of Authorisation is issued to the applicant online.

(b): Yes Madam. The new online system aims at making the processes easy, reliable and cost effective. An applicant may apply online 24x7 from anywhere as per his convenience, with the facility to upload required scanned documents. The software sends SMS/ emails alerts at relevant stages and e-signed Certificate of Authorisation (CA) is issued online in digital mode. The software is user friendly and brings transparency to the system.

(c): Yes Madam. The software has provisions for online receipt of fees from the applicants as payment, through the portal '<u>https://bharatkosh.gov.in'</u>,which is credited into Government Account.
