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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4422**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2019

**INCOME OF FARMERS IN JHARKHAND**

4422. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:  
SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the income of the farmers is decreasing over time in comparison to inflation in Jharkhand;
- (b) the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to increase the income of the farmers of Jharkhand along with the names of the Centrally sponsored schemes; and
- (d) the outcome of the said efforts?

**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): The average monthly income of agricultural households in the country is estimated by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) through the 'Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households' conducted from time to time. The last such Survey was conducted by NSSO during its 70<sup>th</sup> round with reference to the agricultural year July 2012-June 2013. As per the results of this Survey, the average monthly income per agricultural household in Jharkhand is estimated to have increased from Rs. 2069 in 2002-03 to Rs. 4721 in 2012-13. However, State-wise inflation adjusted income estimates are not available in the Survey.

The Government has been reorienting the agriculture sector by focusing on an income-centric approach which goes beyond achieving the targeted production. An Inter-Ministerial Committee has been constituted to examine issues relating to doubling of farmers' income and recommend a strategy to achieve the same by 2022. The Committee, alongside a comprehensive strategy, has suggested various interventions for consideration of the Government which are being implemented.

(c) & (d): Agriculture being a State subject, State Governments take appropriate steps for development of agriculture in the State. Government of India, however, supplements their efforts through implementation of various schemes/programmes. The major Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) in Jharkhand are Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY)- Per Drop More Crop, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), NFSM-Oilseeds and Oil Palm, Rainfed Area Development & Climate Change, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Soil Health Card, Soil Health Management, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension, Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Material, Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization, etc.

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Government is also promoting integrated farming systems to supplement agricultural households' income from traditional crops. Besides, Government has adopted the principle of fixing Minimum Support Prices (MSP) at a level of 50 per cent over the all-India weighted average cost of production of crops. Various measures taken by the Government are aimed at improving net returns to the farmers by enabling them to realize higher yields at lower cost and benefit from better market prices.

As a result of the measures taken by the Government at Centre and State level, the level of foodgrains production in Jharkhand has increased from 42.9 lakh tonnes in 2013-14 to 60.0 lakh tonnes in 2017-18 (Fourth Advance Estimates).

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