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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1588
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH FEBRUARY, 2019

REPORT BY CMS SUB-GROUP ON MGNREGS

1588. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

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

- (a) whether the Chief Ministers Sub-Group submitted report to coordinate policy approaches for agriculture sector and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this is in connection with Doubling Farmers' Income by 2022 which requires multi-dimensional and inclusive approach;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the key recommendations and the stand taken by the Government in each case?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): No Madam.

(b): Does not arise in view of the (a) above.

(c) to (e): As reported by NITI Aayog, a Sub Group of Chief Ministers was constituted on 17th June, 2018 to suggest an approach that enhances incomes of farmers and reduces agrarian distress, with thrust on pre-sowing and post harvest interventions using Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) for creating durable assets. Five critical areas in which MGNREGA could positively help include: to reducing the cost of cultivation; enhancing the production through efficient use of water or other inputs; providing remunerative price to farmers by incentivizing aggregation and market infrastructure; rehabilitation of agricultural land and assets after natural hazards or re-plantation using MGNREGA fund and bringing diversification in agriculture to help occupational diversification and maximizing profit.

Accordingly, a Sub Group of Chief Ministers was constituted by NITI Aayog for policy co-ordination between agriculture sector and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) in June, 2018. The Sub group has not yet finalized its report.