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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 270
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH FEBRUARY, 2019

SURVEY ON FARMERS' INCOME

270. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) the time when the last survey on farmers' income was conducted in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has not made any assessment of the rise in farmers' income during the last four years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the data on which the Government is relying for achieving the goal of doubling farmers' income by 2022;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the progress achieved so far in attaining the goal of doubling farmers' income; and
- (e) 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) & (b): National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) is the nodal agency for conducting surveys and collecting data. The last 'Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households' was conducted by NSSO during its 70th round (January 2013-December 2013) for the reference agricultural year July 2012-June 2013. NSSO has not conducted any such survey since 2013 and as such the comparable estimates for rise in income of agricultural households during 2014 to 2018 are not available.

(c): The periodicity of such Survey is decided on the basis of requirements of the concerned Ministry/Department, adequacy of the current data, availability of resources and manpower, emerging areas of concern, and development priorities of the Government, etc. Expert/Working Groups are constituted on the respective subject. It is instructive to note that given the vastness of country size and resources involved, NSSO conducts other Surveys on household consumer expenditure and Employment- Unemployment Survey after every five years.

As per the available reports of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Doubling of Farmers' Income by 2022, the Committee has considered the estimates of agricultural households' income obtained from NSS 70th round unit level data as the base level income. The Committee has kept 2015-16 as the base year and derived income for the base year at both current and constant prices for major States and major size-classes.

The Committee has submitted its Report, comprising of fourteen volumes. The Report has been uploaded on the website of the Department at <http://agricoop.nic.in/doubling-farmers>

(d) & (e): Government has decided to conduct the next 'Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households' during NSS 77th round (January 2019- December 2019) with reference to the agricultural year July 2018-June 2019 to provide a comprehensive assessment of the situation of agricultural households in the country, including their income, expenditure, indebtedness, etc.
