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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3739
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH JULY, 2019

MALIHABADI DUSHARI MANGO

3739. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI MAHARAJ:

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

- (a) whether Malihabadi Dushari Mango having its name for its taste is getting shorter in size due to depletion of ground water, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there has been adverse effect on the other varieties of mango due to depletion of ground water, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the situation regarding depletion of ground water in the areas where mango farming is done; and
- (d) whether there has been adverse effect on mango's health due to growing pollution, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): There is no data available on reduction in size of dushari mango and other varieties owing to depletion of ground water. However, the size of fruit also depends on several agronomic practices. The water requirement of mango trees in most of the orchards is met through various irrigation sources like canal, tube well etc.

(c): In general, assistance is available for collection and conservation of water and creation of community tanks/on-farm ponds/on-farm water reservoirs under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (MGNREGP). The assistance is also available for efficient utilization of water for adopting drip irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY).

(d): There is no such information available. However, ICAR-CISH has developed and demonstrated IPM module for growing mango with limited number of pesticide sprays to help in reducing the pesticide-pollution.