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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 477**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019

**DOUBLING FARMERS' INCOME**

477. MOHAMMED FAIZAL P.P.:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to double the farmers' income by 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the challenges of doubling farmers' income are acceptable in context to the present Indian agricultural scenario, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether diversifying towards forestry crops rather than solely depending upon crop cultivation can enhance farmers' income; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Government had constituted an Inter-ministerial Committee in April, 2016 to examine issues relating to "Doubling of Farmers Income" and recommend strategies to achieve the same. The Committee has submitted its Report to the Government in September, 2018. An Empowered Body has also been set up to monitor and review the progress against the recommendations.

(c): The Committee on Doubling Farmers' Income (DFI) recognizes agriculture as a value led enterprise and has identified seven major sources of growth, viz., improvement in crop productivity; improvement in livestock productivity; resource use efficiency or savings in the cost of production; increase in the cropping intensity; diversification towards high value crops; improvement in real prices received by farmers; and shift from farm to non-farm occupations. Several initiatives have already been rolled out on the recommendations of DFI Committee. All programmes of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare are aligned to achieving these recommendations.

(d) & (e): Yes Sir. Agro forestry including bamboo are part of the Integrated Farming System advocated by the Government for additional income to the farmers, source of food, fodder and other products as well as risk management. Government is assisting States through Sub-Mission on Agro-forestry (SMAF), National Bamboo Mission (NBM) and National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP).