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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1009
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH DECEMBER, 2022

NATIONAL E-GOVERNANCE PLAN IN AGRICULTURE

1009. MS. DIYA KUMARI

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

- (a) whether the National e-Governance Plan in Agriculture (NeGPA) under the Digital Agriculture Division of the Ministry will be extended to States in the next financial year;
- (b) whether the farmers have been benefitted from one Stop Window-Farmers Portal which disseminates information on various agricultural related matters; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to introduce more digital initiatives like m-Kisan Portal to further modernize agriculture?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): As of now, National e-Governance Plan in Agriculture (NeGPA) for funding to the states will continue.
- (b): Portal (farmer.gov.in) has been developed to serve as one stop window for the farmers for accessing information on agricultural activities.
- (c): The Government has various digital initiative to modernize agriculture such as:
- i. Development of Kisan Suvidha mobile application to facilitate dissemination of information to farmers on the critical parameters viz., Weather; Market Prices; Plant Protection; input Dealers (Seed, Pesticide, Fertilizer) Farm Machinery; Soil Health Card; Cold Storages & Godowns, Veterinary Centres and Diagnostic Labs. With market information, farmers are better informed about markets to sell produce, prevailing market prices and quantity demanded in the market. Thus, they can make informed decisions to sell produce at the right price and right time.

- ii. The Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has also compiled various mobile apps developed by ICAR, State Agricultural Universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras and uploaded on its website. These mobile apps developed in the areas of crops, horticulture, veterinary, dairy, poultry, fisheries, natural resources management and integrated subjects, offer valuable information to the farmers, including package of practices, market prices of various commodities, weather related information, advisory services, etc.
- iii. Launching of e-National Agriculture Market initiative to provide farmers an electronic online trading platform.
- iv. Use of space technology for various programmes/areas such as Forecasting Agricultural Output using Space, Agro-meteorology and Land-based Observations project, Coordinated programme on Horticulture Assessment and Management using geo-informatics project, National Agricultural Drought Assessment and Monitoring System, Rice-fallow Area Mapping and Intensification, geo tagging of infrastructure and assets created under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, and Crop Insurance.
