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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2171
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NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS

2171. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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

(a) whether the Government has convened a National Conference of State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers few months ago and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the issues like digital agriculture, PM Fasal Bima Yojana, FPOs, National Food Security Mission, e-NAM, etc. have also come up for discussion;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for effective creation and implementation of 'One Nation, One Market eco-System' and also to address the genuine problems being faced by the farmers in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. A National Conference of State Agriculture & Horticulture Ministers was hosted by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on 14-15 July, 2022 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The following issues were discussed during the Conference:

- i. Awareness programme on fund release through Public Finance Management System (PFMS)
- ii. Digital Agriculture
- iii. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- iv. Natural Farming
- v. Marketing [Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and E-National Agri Marketing (e-NAM)]
- vi. Horticulture

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- vii. Innovations in the New Age Fertilizers
- viii. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Yojna (PM-KISAN) Saturation
- ix. International Year of Millets
- x. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund
- xi. New Technologies by ICAR

2. The best practices adopted by some of the States were shared in the meeting, the details of which are given below:-

S.No.	Name of the State	Topic
1.	Uttar Pradesh	New Age Fertilizer
2.	Maharashtra	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna(PMFBY)
3.	Nagaland	Natural Farming
4.	Tamil Nadu	Farmer Producer Organisation(FPO)
5.	Haryana	Horticulture
6.	Karnataka	Digital Agriculture
7.	Telengana	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Yojna (PM-KISAN)
8.	Odisha	Millets
9.	Madhya Pradesh Andhra Pradesh	Agriculture Infra Fund (AIF)

(d): National Agriculture Market(e-NAM) is a pan-India electronic trading portal which networks the existing Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) mandis to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities. Digital services are provided to traders, farmers, Farmers Producer Organizations(FPOs), Mandis through various modules of e-NAM platform such as FPO trading module, warehouse based trading module. As on 30th November, 2022, 1260 mandis of 22 States and 03 Union Territories (UTs) have been integrated with e-NAM platform. More than 1.74 crore farmers and 2.3 lakh traders have been registered on e-NAM platform. The agricultural produce trade with a value of Rs.2.34 lakh crore have been recorded on e-NAM platform. To promote market reforms Government of India had formulated and released a progressive & holistic model Act "The Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2017" for adoption by States/UTs.

The Government has adopted several developmental programmes, schemes, reforms and policies for achieving higher income and addressing genuine problems. These include:

- (i) Formation and promotion of 10,000 FPOs along with necessary financial support under Atma Nirbhar Package (Agriculture), release of equity grant of more than Rs.38 crore to about eligible 1018 Farmers Producers Organization (FPOs) covering more than 3.21 lakh farmers.
- (ii) Special attention for creation of infrastructure through Agriculture Infrastructure Fund(AIF) with a size of Rs. 100,000 crore
- (iii) Supplementary income transfers under PM-KISAN,

- (iv) Crop insurance under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY),
- (v) Better access to irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY),
- (vi) Increase in Minimum Support Price (MSPs) for all Kharif & Rabi crops ensuring a minimum of 50 percent of profit margin on the cost of production,
- (vii) Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) offering production loan to even dairy & fishery farmers besides agricultural crops,
- (viii) National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), which aims to evolve and implement strategies to make Indian agriculture more resilient to the changing climate.
- (ix) Focus on application of digital technology at all stages of agricultural value chain.
- (x) Adoption of drone technologies in agriculture which has a potential to revolutionize the Indian agriculture.
- (xi) Benefits accruing under Bee-Keeping, Rashtriya Gokul Mission, Blue Revolution, Interest Subvention Scheme, agro-forestry, restructured bamboo mission, implementation of new generation watershed guidelines, etc
- (xii) Pension for small and marginal farmers under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PMKMY), assurance of quality seeds at affordable rates, ensuring greater promotion and increase profitability under Organic Farming, extensive use of technology to ensure better knowledge of the market prices for the benefit of the farmers,
