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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 14TH MARCH, 2023

AGRICULTURE AS A PROFITABLE PROFESSION

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

- (a) the measures being taken by the Government to make agriculture more profitable profession and to make villages more prosperous including the details thereof; and
- (b) the actions taken by the Agriculture Working Group under the India's Presidency including the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) : Government has adopted and implemented several policies, reforms, developmental programmes and schemes for making agriculture more profitable profession, these include:
- (i) Supplementary income transfers under PM-KISAN of Rs 6000 per year in three equal instalments.
 - (ii) 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,
 - (iii) Crop insurance under Pradhan Mantri FasalBimaYojna (PMFBY),
 - (iv) Better access to irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY),
 - (v) Special attention for creation of infrastructure through Agri Infrastructure Fund (AIF) with a size of Rs. 100,000 crore,
 - (vi) New procurement policy under PM-AASHA in addition to FCI operations,
 - (vii) Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) offering production loan to even dairy & fishery farmers besides agricultural crops,

- (viii) Formation and promotion of 10,000 FPOs,
- (ix) National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), which aims to evolve and implement strategies to make Indian agriculture more resilient to the changing climate.
- (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) Focus on application of digital technology at all stages of agricultural value chain.
- (xiii) Supply of fertilizer to farmer at subsidized price so as to reduce input cost.

(b): The following four priority areas have been identified for holding discussions and building G20 consensus in the Agriculture Working Group meetings:

- (i) Food Security and Nutrition,
- (ii) Sustainable Agriculture with Climate Smart Approach,
- (iii) Inclusive agri value chains and food systems,
- (iv) Digitalization for Agricultural Transformation.

To discuss the above mentioned identified priority areas, four meetings have been planned under the Agriculture Working Groups during February- June 2023 at various places in India (i.e. Indore, Varanasi, Chandigarh and Hyderabad).
