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ENCOURAGING YOUTH TOWARDS AGRICULTURE

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the youth who have started new business thereby leaving agriculture and also have migrated to other regions for employment;
- (b) if so, the details and the number of the youth who have left agriculture and migrated to other regions for employment during the last three years, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps/measures being taken by the Government to encourage/attract youth towards agriculture and other related industries and also for the development of entrepreneurship?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b) Survey has not been carried out on this specific issue by the Government. However, Ministry of Labour & Employment has developed a portal for registration of unorganized workers such as building and other Construction Workers, Domestic Workers, Agricultural Workers, Self-Employed Workers, Street Vendors, Small Shopkeepers, and other similar Sub-groups of Unorganized workers.

(c) The following schemes are under implementation to encourage/attract youth towards agriculture and other related industries and also for the development of entrepreneurship:

- I. Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, implements the following

schemes/programmes to attract youth towards agriculture and other related industries and for the development of entrepreneurship:

- i. Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC)
- ii. Skill training programmes (minimum 200 hours duration) for Rural Youth and Farmers including women farmers
- iii. Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY)
- iv. Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)
- v. Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR)
- vi. Certified Farm Advisor/Certified Livestock Advisor programme
- vii. Post Graduate Diploma in Management (Agri Business Management) [PGDM (ABM)]
- viii. Venture Capital Assistance scheme through Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)
- ix. Financing facility under Agri Infrastructure Fund

II. Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) implements the following schemes/programmes to attract youth towards agriculture and other related industries and for the development of entrepreneurship:

- i. Technology Assessment and Demonstration for its Application and Capacity Development through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)
- ii. Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA)

III. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship takes special initiative for skill development among youth who want to pursue a career in the agriculture sector, through apprenticeship programmes, vocational training courses in schools and higher educational institutes. Various initiatives implemented through Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI), a subsidiary under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship are furnished below:

- i. Entrepreneurship training
- ii. Apprenticeship programme
- iii. Vocationalization of School Education
- iv. Vocationalization of Higher Education (UGC affiliated Colleges)

IV.Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been incentivizing the youth towards setting up/upgradation Food Processing Industries through the following schemes:

- i. Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY) for providing credit linked capital subsidy
- ii. PM Formalisation of Micro Food Enterprises Scheme (PMFME) for providing financial, technical and business support for upgradation of micro food processing enterprises
- iii. Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLIS) for creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management.
