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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3313
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST MARCH, 2023

IMPACT OF PM-KISAN SCHEME

3313. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
DR. CHANDRA SEN JADON:
DR. SANGHMITRA MAURYA:
SHRI SANJAY JADHAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has evaluated the impact of PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme which has completed three years after being launched;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the composition of current beneficiaries of the scheme;
- (c) whether the scheme has been beneficial in supplementing the financial needs of the farmers in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government is proposing to extend PM-KISAN scheme to non-landholding farmers in the coming years; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, thereasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is a Central Sector Scheme being implemented since 1st December, 2018. The Scheme aims at providing financial assistance to cultivable landholding farmers across the country, subject to certain exclusion criteria, to enable them to take care of expenses related to agriculture and allied activities as

well as other incidental expenses. Under the Scheme, an amount of Rs. 6000/- per year is transferred in three 4-monthly installments of Rs.2000/- directly into the bank accounts of the farmers. The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is a flagship scheme of the Government of India and one the world's largest Direct Benefit Transfer schemes.

A farmer-centric digital infrastructure has ensured the benefits of the scheme reach all the farmers across the country without any involvement of the middlemen. Maintaining absolute transparency in the process of registration and verification of beneficiaries, the Government of India has so far disbursed over Rs 2.41 Lakh Crores to over 11 Crore Farmers in the country.

A study of the Scheme has been conducted by IFPRI, (International Food and Policy Research Institute) in Uttar Pradesh. According to the study, the funds received by recipients under PM-KISAN are not only helping them with their agricultural needs, but it is also catering to their other expenses such as education, medical, marriage, etc. Further, the funds disbursed under the initiative have acted as a catalyst in rural economic growth, aided in alleviating the credit constraints for farmers, and increased investments in agricultural inputs. The scheme has enhanced farmers' risk-taking capacity, leading them to undertake riskier but comparatively productive investments.

(e) & (f) As of now, ownership of a cultivable landholding remains the basic criteria to avail the benefit under the Scheme.
