GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3987 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 24.03.2023

Kisan Khad Beej Kendras

3987: SHRI DULAL CHANDRA GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS** be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Kisan Beej Kendras in every district through the cooperative societies with the support of NAFED and IFFCO;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide fertilizers and seeds easily to the farmers to produce fox nuts and other crops identified under ODOP (One District, One Product) scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBHA)

- (a): There is no proposal for setting up of Kisan Beej Kendras. However, PMKSK programme aiming at providing all agricultural inputs (fertilizers, seeds, pesticides etc) and other farm equipments under one umbrella has been initiated since August, 2022.
- (b) & (c): Fertilizers are made available to the farmers timely and at affordable prices across the country through 2.7 lakh active retail shops, cooperatives etc.

Also, Government of India provides financial assistance to states and other implementing agencies for creation/strengthening of Seeds infrastructure facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds & planting material through various schemes viz, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY), Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Material etc., so that the required quantities of seeds could be made available to farmers in the country.
