GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4448

TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH MARCH, 2023

CUMIN SEED CULTIVATION AND PRODUCTION

4448. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA: SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

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

- (a) the total area in which Cumin seed is cultivated in the country including the acreage thereof particularly in Gujarat and Rajasthan;
- (b) whether the Cumin seed cultivation and production has been adversely affected in the country including Gujarat and Rajasthan during the recent years due to the unpredictability of Monsoon;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in view of the damage of crops due to the unseasonal rainfall in several parts of the country including Gujarat and Rajasthan?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Area under Cumin seed cultivation in the country including Gujarat and Rajasthan for the year 2021-22 (3rd Advance Estimate) are given below:

| State | Area ('000Ha) |
|-----------|---------------|
| Gujarat | 322.29 |
| Rajasthan | 609.72 |
| All-India | 934.04 |

(b) & (c): Cumin seed cultivation and production has not been adversely affected in Gujarat in recent years due to unpredictability of Monsoon. However, in Rajasthan,

about 22% area under cumin cultivation has been affected due to heavy rainfall, hailstorm, high-speed wind, frost, cold waves in 2022-23.

(d): The State Government is primarily responsible for providing necessary relief measures in the wake of natural calamities. For undertaking relief measures, funds areavailable with the State Government in the form of the State Disaster Response Fund(SDRF). Additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from theNational Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for natural calamities of a severe nature and isapproved on the basis of a Memorandum received from the State Government, inaccordance with established procedures. The financial assistance includes agriculture inputsubsidy as one of the components, which is computed for the affected area having crop lossof 33% & above.

Government of Rajasthan has ordered a special *Girdawari*of Rabi Crops in the revenue villages of affected districts. Further, the main cumin growing districts in Rajasthan (Barmer, Bikaner, Jalore, Sirohi, Pali, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Churu, and Nagour) have been covered under PMFBY for cumin in current financial year 2022-23.
