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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4509

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH MARCH, 2023

INDO-ISRAEL AGRI COOPERATION

4509. SHRI PALLAB LOCHAN DAS:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that 75 villages across the country will be selected for Indo-Israel cooperation initiative in the field of agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details of procedure of the selection of the villages, State-wise; and
- (c) the number of the villages selected especially from Assam?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Under Indo-Israel Cooperation, 75 villages across the country have been selected to transfer the technology to farmers through Village of Excellence (VOE) Programme under which villages are selected in the vicinity of already established Centres of Excellence (COEs). The VoE programme is implemented in phased manner and in the first phase, 75 villages are selected in the vicinity of 13 COEs in 8 States. The selection of villages is done on the recommendation of State Horticulture Mission based on their requirement, availability of established Centre of Excellence and the villages having majority of horticulture crops but lacking of awareness & knowledge of best cultivation practices.

No village from Assam has been selected under the programme in the first phase.
