LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 749
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2023

PM-KISAN PAYMENTS

749. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

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

(a) whether it is correct that the payments made to beneficiaries under Prime Minister's Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) has fallen by 67% in the 11th instalment disbursed in October 2022;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any steps to increase the number of beneficiaries receiving payments under PM-Kisan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): The number of beneficiaries under Prime Minister’s Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) has increased from 3.16 crore in the 1st period (December 2018 – March 2019) to 10.45 crore in the 11th period(April 2022 – July 2022).

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Government has undertaken the following steps to increase the number of beneficiaries receiving payments under PM-Kisan:

(i) A special facility has been provided to the farmers in the PM-KISAN Portal, namely Farmers Corner. Through this facility, farmers can do their self-registration
(ii) A special mobile App has been launched on 24th February 2020. The App provides the facilities available through Farmers Corner.

(iii) Common Service Centres have been authorized to assist the farmers in registration for the PM-KISAN Scheme, updation of their data and in ascertaining the status of processing of their payment.

(iv) State Governments have appointed nodal officers for the scheme at Block, District and State Level.

(v) The States/UTs have organized publicity/ awareness camps to ensure expeditious verification of the data of the registered beneficiaries.

(vi) States/UTs have been asked to expedite the process of saturation of the Scheme by ensuring enrollment of all eligible farmer families.

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