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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1957
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST AUGUST, 2023

FARMER WELFARE SCHEME

1957. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

- (a) the details of the five major schemes introduced by the Government during the last four years for farmers welfare;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the schemes launched by the Government have increased the income of farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to implement any new policy to ensure development and growth for smaller farmers, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes an Integrated Farmers Welfare Scheme by combining the schemes run by the States and Union Government on welfare of farmers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Details of five major schemes launched by the Government during the last four years are given in the **Annexure**. The efforts of Government for positive implementation of the schemes are yielding good result and the income of the farmers is improving. As a part of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has released a book, which contains compilation of success stories of 75,000 farmers out of innumerable successful farmers whose incomes have increased more than two times.

(d): A comprehensive range of central sector and centrally sponsored schemes has been implemented by the Government to address various aspects of agriculture and benefit farmers including small and marginal farmers. However, there are currently no plans to implement a distinct policy for smaller farmers.

(e): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Brief of five major schemes introduced by the Government during the last four years for farmers' welfare

Sl No.	Scheme	Brief description
1.	The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)	The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme is being implemented with a view to provide income support to all landholding Farmers' families across the country to enable them to take care of expenses related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs. The Scheme, effective from 1.12.2018, aims to provide a payment of Rs.6000/- per year for the farmers' families with cultivable land holding, subject to certain exclusions. The financial benefit of Rs.6000/- is being released by the Central Government in three 4-monthly installments of Rs.2000/- over the year directly into the bank accounts of the eligible farmers under Direct Benefit Transfer mode.
2.	Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)	The Government of India has launched the Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" in the year 2020. Formation & promotion of FPOs are to be done through Implementing Agencies (IAs), which further engage Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) to form & provide professional handholding support to FPOs for a period of 05 years including preparation and execution of business plan for the concerned FPOs for ensuring better marketing opportunities & market linkages on sustainable basis.
3.	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)	In order to address the existing infrastructure gaps and mobilize investment in agriculture infrastructure, Rs 1 lakh crore Agri Infra Fund was launched under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund is a medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management infrastructure and

		community farming assets through interest subvention and credit guarantee support.
4.	National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)	A new Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely, National Mission on Edible Oil (NMEO)-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) has been launched by Government of India to promote oil palm cultivation for making the country Aatamnirbhar in edible oils with special focus on North-Eastern States and A&N Islands. The Mission will bring additional area of 6.5 lakh ha under Oil Palm plantation with 3.28 lakh ha in north-eastern states and 3.22 in Rest of India in next 5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
5.	National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM)	Keeping in view the importance of beekeeping, a new Central Sector Scheme entitled National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) was launched in 2020 under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan for its implementation in the field for overall promotion and development of scientific beekeeping & to achieve the goal of “Sweet Revolution”.
