

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3056
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 08TH AUGUST, 2023

FARMER ISSUES

3056. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the agricultural sector faces several issues such as low growth, high incidence of indebtedness among farmers, high cost of inputs, fragmented land holdings and a lack of capital investments;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government for utilization of 100 per cent funds for the welfare schemes therefor; and

(c) the proposal of the Government to increase average monthly income of every agricultural household from Rs. 10,218 to Rs. 20,000 by 2025 thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Agriculture is a state subject. However, Government of India is actively supporting and supplementing efforts of state governments by implementing a comprehensive range of central sector and centrally sponsored schemes including Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Paddhati (BPKP) under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojna (PKVY) and Per Drop More Crop (PDMC). As a result, during the last 6 years the agriculture and allied sector has been growing at a record 4.4% per annum, as per Economic Survey 2023-24,. The efforts of Government in positive implementation of these schemes have yielded remarkable results

towards improving agricultural productivity, growth and augmenting the income of the farmers. Between 2013-14 and 2022-23, increase in productivity has been 17.95% for food grains, 23.65% for pulses and 35.2% for coarse cereals. Also, there is increase in the production of food grains by 6.5 times, oilseeds by 7.9 times, cotton by 11.6 times and sugarcane by 8.6 times are the successful examples of innovation lead agricultural development in the country. In recent years, unprecedented increase in pulses production to 27.5 MT and increasing production trend in oil seed crops (41 MT) are glaring evidences of our technological innovations and their adoption by the farmers.

The Government has launched many schemes/programmes to increase income of farmers:

Sl no.	Schemes	No. of Beneficiary
i.	PM- KISAN	8.56 crores (14 th Instalment)
ii.	PMFBY	10.8 crore farmers applications (2022-23)
iii.	PM-AASHA	17.93 lakh farmers benefitted
iv.	FPO	6716 FPOs registered as on 31.07.2023
v.	NMEO-OP	15 States
vi.	e-NAM	1361 Mandi integrated

The expenditure on farmer's welfare has improved manifold in 2022-23 nearly 6.5 lakh crore was spent. Details of spending (Revised Estimate) by the Central Government during 2022-23 on agriculture and allied sectors for welfare of farmers are as follows;

Item of Expenditure	Amount (Rs in crore)
Fertilizer subsidy	225220
Food subsidy	287194
Agriculture & allied activities (Excluding PM-KISAN)	76279
PM-KISAN	60000
Total	648693

*Revised Estimate 2022-23

Also, institutional credit for agriculture sector has been increased from Rs. 7.3 lakh crore in 2013-14 with a target to reach Rs. 20 lakh crore in 2023-24.

Besides, there are many Schemes implemented by other Ministries and Departments of the Government of India for rural areas where majority of the beneficiaries are farmers. (RE 2022-23)

Sl No.	Department/ Scheme	Amount RE (Rs in crore)
1	Department of Rural Development	
i	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Rural (PMAY)	48,422
ii	Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)	19,000
iii	Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (MNREGS)	89400
iv	National Social Assistance Programme (Pension)	9,652
v	National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)	13336.42
2	Ministry of Jal Shakti	
i	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY)	7084.50
ii	Jal Jeevan Mission/ National Rural Drinking Water Programme	54808.87
3	Department of Fisheries	1624.18
4	Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying	3105.17
	Total	2,46,433.14

As part of the '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 who have increased their income more than two times.
