

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3189  
ANSWERED ON 08/08/2023**

**PROTOCOLS FOR SUSTAINABLE HARVEST**

**3189. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:**

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set protocols for sustainable harvest of non-timber forest produce and sustainable agriculture and livestock management and facilitate adoption by Self Help Groups under the National Rural Livelihood Mission;**
- (b) the details regarding allocation of budget for developing markets for sustainably harvested produce or green input supply chains during each of the last three years;**
- (c) whether the Government is planning to provide labour subsidy to Self Help Groups for adopting sustainable practices in addition to the existing capital subsidy; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

**(a) The Self Help Groups under DeenDayalAntyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) are being supported for promotion of sustainable harvest practices on Non Timber forest Produce (NTFP) and also being facilitated for adoption of Sustainable Agricultural & Livestock management practices, as per the relevant guidelines/modules.**

**(b) Under the scheme of 'Mechanism for Marketing of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) through Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Development of Value Chain for MFP' (now merged under Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission), the Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides funds for creation of Infrastructure facilities for development of MFP value chains including modernization of Haat Bazaars, storage godowns etc. The**

**Ministry released an amount of Rs. 354.94 lakhs under this component during the last three years. Further, the development and up-gradation of physical infrastructure including platforms and sheds of Rural Haats is being undertaken through Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) as per demand and following due processes of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.**

**(c) & (d) No Sir. However, under DAY-NRLM, the Community Resource Persons (CRPs) are the last-mile service providers for all the livelihood activities including promotion of sustainable harvest practices in Non Timber forest Produce (NTFP) and adoption of sustainable agricultural and livestock management practices, undertaken by SHG members. These CRPs like Krishi Sakhis, PashuSakhis, VanSakhis, MatsyaSakhis etc. are trained in the relevant field after their identification from the SHG ecosystem, by the respective State Rural Livelihoods Missions (SRLMs). These CRPs are provided honorarium by the respective States as per their norms.**

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