

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 710**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FARMERS**

710. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH:  
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has increased the financial support provided to farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the difficulties due to mounting debts and crop loss faced by the farmers leading to their suicide; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the effective steps taken by the Government to mitigate the farmers crisis and safeguard their lives?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): In the year 2013-14, the budget allocation of Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare was Rs. 21,933.50 crore. This has been increased by more than 5.26 time to Rs. 1,15,531.79 crore in 2023-24.

(c) & (d): Agriculture being a State Subject, the State Governments take appropriate measures for development of agriculture and welfare of farmers in the States. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of States and welfare of farmers through appropriate policy measures and budgetary support and various schemes/ programmes. The various schemes/ programmes of the Government of India are meant for the welfare of farmers by increasing production, remunerative returns and income support to farmers, which include:

- i. Income support to farmers through PM KISAN
- ii. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

- iii. Fixing of Minimum Support Price (MSP) at one-and-a half times the cost of production
- iv. Promotion of organic farming in the country
- v. Per Drop More Crop
- vi. Micro Irrigation Fund
- vii. Promotion of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)
- viii. A National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
- ix. Agricultural Mechanization
- x. Providing Soil Health Cards to farmers
- xi. Setting up of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) extension Platform
- xii. Launch of the National Mission for Edible Oils – Oil Palm
- xiii. Agri Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
- xiv. Improvement in farm produce logistics, Introduction of Kisan Rail.
- xv. MIDH - Cluster Development Programme:
- xvi. Creation of a Start-up Eco system in agriculture and allied sector
- xvii. Achievement in Export of Agri and Allied Agri- Commodities

Government of India is implementing Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS) to provide short term agri-loans availed by farmers through KCC at concessional rate of interest to meet their working capital requirements.

Further, in the event of disaster of a severe nature, additional financial assistance is extended from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as per the laid down procedure, which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT). As per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, assistance towards input subsidy is provided for crop loss of 33% and above and restricted to 2 hectares per farmer.

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