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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 764 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25THJULY,2023

SELLING OF FARMERS' PRODUCE

764. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government provides the freedom to farmers to sell their produce anywhere in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to waive off the road tax of the farmers;
- (c) whether the separate transport cost for small farmers will be borne by the Government;
- (d) whether the Government is imparting any training related to soil so that farmers may get knowledge about more yield and as a result of that the income of the farmer can be doubled and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether any training centre has been planned to be opened under the above scheme in Uttar Pradesh especially in Western Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Farmers have complete freedom to carry and sell their produce anywhere in the Country. Further, to enhance farmers' accessibility to multiple markets and buyers digitally, Government in April, 2016 launched an electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform.

As per the information received from Ministry of Road Transport and Highways matter of road tax is State subject and states decide road tax policy.

- (c): As per the information received from Ministry of Food Processing Industries, With the objective to enhance value realization, protect the growers of eligible crops from distress sale, increase food processing/preservation & value addition and reduce post-harvest losses, Government, under sub-scheme of "Operation Green" under umbrella scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY), as short intervention, provide transportation subsidy. Rate of subsidy for normal truck is Rs.2.84 per MT per km, while for reefer van, it is Rs.5 per MT per km. For rail/air, rate is actual freight charged by Indian Railways or airline carrier, as the case may be.
- (d): Yes, as far as Soil Health Card/Soil Health Management Scheme is concerned,
 - i. Total 93781 farmer's trainings have been organized by States/UTs for implementation of Soil Health Card scheme.
 - ii. 56 Nos of online training sessions have been completed for the users of Soil Health Card Mobile App till now.
- (e): There is no such plan of Government of India. Hence, the information may be treated as Nil.