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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.869
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25THJULY, 2023

DOUBLING THE INCOME OF FARMERS

869. SHRI GUMAN SINGH DAMOR:

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

- (a) the details of recommendations made by Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted for doubling the income of farmers for examining the facts and the strategies made for this and the steps taken to implement the same;
- (b) the goals for honey-mission and the details of efforts made during the last three years to achieve the goals in Atmanirbhar Bharat announcement; and
- (c) the details of annual requirement and production of foodgrains, the modus operandi for bridging the gap between supply and demand of the same in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a): Government had constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee in April, 2016 to examine issues relating to “Doubling of Farmers Income (DFI)” and recommended strategies to achieve the same. The Committee submitted its final report to the Government in September, 2018. The Committee submitted its recommendations in 14 Volume Report in September 2018 to the Government which is available on our website (<https://agricoop.nic.in/en/PolicyDiv>).

Government has adopted and implemented several policies, reforms, developmental programmes and schemes for achieving higher incomes for the farmers directly or indirectly. The unprecedented enhanced budgetary provisions have been made to facilitate the following efforts of the Government.

1. Income support to farmers through PM KISAN
2. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
3. Institutional credit for agriculture sector
4. Fixing of Minimum Support Price (MSP) at one-and-a half times the cost of production
5. Promotion of organic farming in the country
6. Per Drop More Crop
7. Micro Irrigation Fund
8. Promotion of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)
9. A National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
10. Agricultural Mechanization
11. Providing Soil Health Cards to farmers
12. Setting up of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) extension Platform
13. Launch of the National Mission for Edible Oils – Oil Palm
14. Agri Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
15. Improvement in farm produce logistics, Introduction of Kisan Rail.
16. MIDH - Cluster Development Programme:
17. Creation of a Start-up Eco system in agriculture and allied sector
18. Achievement in Export of Agri and Allied Agri- Commodities

(b): Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched a Central Sector Scheme entitled “National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM)” in 2020-21 under **Atma Nirbhar Bharat Announcement** for overall promotion & development of scientific beekeeping and to achieve the goal of “**Sweet Revolution**”. The goals/ objectives of National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) scheme are as under:

1. Promoting holistic growth of beekeeping industry for income & employment generation.
2. Developing additional infrastructural facilities for developing quality nucleus stock of honeybees, multiplication of stock by bee breeders, setting up of disease diagnostic labs, Integrated Beekeeping Development Centres (IBDCs), beekeeping equipment manufacturing units, etc. and postharvest and marketing infrastructures, including honey processing plants, storages/ cold storages, collection, branding, marketing, etc. centre, etc.;
3. Setting up of honey & other beehive products testing labs at Regional Levels and Mini Labs at District Levels in main honey producing Districts/ States;
4. To promote agri- entrepreneurs & agri- startup for their involvement in beekeeping/ Honey production;
5. To promote, develop and disseminate latest and State of the Art Technologies and skill development in beekeeping industry for production of honey & other high value beehive products;
6. Empowerment of Women through Beekeeping;
7. To strengthen beekeepers by developing institutional framework through collective approach viz.; formation of SHGs/ FPOs/ Beekeepers Cooperatives/ Federations, etc.

The following efforts have been made to achieve these goals/ objectives:

✓ **Efforts for development of Infrastructural facilities under NBHM:** Thrust is given for development of infrastructural facilities in honey sector through following approaches:

1. **Regional and Mini Honey & other beehive products Testing Labs** for testing of quality and nutrient parameters of beehive products. As on date, 31 Mini Honey Testing Labs and 04 Regional testing labs have been sanctioned under NBHM.
2. **Setting up of Honey & other beehive products Processing Units** to process raw Honey & other beehive products and its marketing. As on date, 21 Honey & other beehive products processing units have been sanctioned under NBHM.
3. **Development of Nucleus Stock Centres for beekeeping** for availability of quality/ disease-free brood and queen. As on date, 22 Nucleus stock and bee breeding centres have been sanctioned under NBHM.
4. **Creation of Honey FPOs:** 100 Honey FPOs are allotted to TRIFED (14 nos.), NAFED (60 nos.) and NDDDB (26 nos.) for implementation of NBHM activities under the scheme of "Formation of 10,000 FPOs". Out of the allotted 100 FPOs, 80 Honey FPOs have been registered till date.
5. **Setting up of Collection, Branding, Packaging & Marketing Units** for creating facility for collection, branding, trading and marketing of beehive products.

✓ **Efforts for generation of Intellectual Capital under NBHM:**

1. **Training and Capacity Building** for promotion of scientific beekeeping in the country.
2. Self Help Groups (SHGs)/ clusters of women have been developed for **empowering the Women through beekeeping**.
3. An online registration portal i.e. "Madhukranti portal" has been launched under NBHM for creation of database through online registration of beekeepers/other stakeholders.

(c): The requirement of foodgrains varies year after year in terms of growth of the population. The details of production of foodgrains is at **annexure**. In case of shortage of foodgrains, FCI releases foodgrains from the available stock & NAFED imports the deficit amount to fill the gap between supply and demand.

Annexure
(Lakh Tonnes)

Crop	Season	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	
				Target	Third Advance Estimate
Rice	Kharif	1052.08	1110.01	1120.00	1100.32
	Rabi	191.60	184.71	185.00	158.95
	Summer	--	--	--	96.14
	Total	1243.68	1294.71	1305.00	1355.42
Wheat	Rabi	1095.86	1077.42	1120.00	1127.43
Jowar	Kharif	19.86	15.98	30.00	14.87
	Rabi	28.26	25.52	30.00	24.80
	Summer	--	--	--	0.22
	Total	48.12	41.51	60.00	39.90
Bajra	Kharif	108.63	97.81	113.00	102.67
	Summer	--	--	--	8.99
	Total	108.63	97.81	113.00	111.66
Maize	Kharif	215.55	226.81	231.00	234.89
	Rabi	100.92	110.49	101.00	99.05
	Summer	--	--	--	25.18
	Total	316.47	337.30	332.00	359.13
Ragi	Kharif	19.98	17.01	25.00	15.97
Small Millets	Kharif	3.47	3.67	7.00	3.97
Barley	Rabi	16.56	13.71	22.50	16.87
Shree Anna/Nutri Cereals	Kharif	151.95	134.47	175.00	137.48
	Rabi	28.26	25.52	30.00	24.80
	Summer	--	--	--	9.21
	Total	180.21	160.00	205.00	171.49
Nutri/Coarse Cereals	Kharif	367.50	361.28	406.00	372.37
	Rabi	145.74	149.73	153.50	140.72
	Summer	--	--	--	34.39
	Total	513.24	511.01	559.50	547.48
Cereals	Kharif	1419.58	1471.29	1526.00	1472.69
	Rabi	1433.21	1411.85	1458.50	1427.10
	Summer	--	--	--	130.53
	Total	2852.79	2883.14	2984.50	3030.32
Tur	Kharif	43.16	42.20	45.50	34.30
Gram	Rabi	119.11	135.44	135.00	135.43
Urad	Kharif	15.07	18.65	27.00	18.06
	Rabi	7.23	9.11	10.00	5.41

	Summer	--	--	--	2.64
	Total	22.30	27.76	37.00	26.12
Moong	Kharif	19.96	14.80	25.00	17.17
	Rabi	10.89	16.86	15.00	1.03
	Summer	--	--	--	19.19
	Total	30.85	31.66	40.00	37.40
Lentil	Rabi	14.94	12.69	*	15.80
Other Kharif Pulses	Kharif	7.99	6.69	8.00	8.92
Other Rabi Pulses	Rabi	16.28	16.58	30.00	17.03
Total Pulses	Kharif	86.18	82.35	105.50	78.47
	Rabi	168.45	190.67	190.00	174.72
	Summer	--	--	--	21.83
	Total	254.63	273.02	295.50	275.04
Total Foodgrains	Kharif	1505.76	1553.64	1631.50	1551.16
	Rabi	1601.65	1602.52	1648.50	1601.82
	Summer	--	--	--	152.36
	Total	3107.42	3156.16	3280.00	3305.34
