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IMPROVEMENT IN AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

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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 suitably assisted the State Governments for bringing improvements in the infrastructural facilities in the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any study for assessing the impact of initiatives/schemes since 2014 on the income of farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Agriculture is a State subject. Government of India supports and facilitates the State Governments through many Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes to promote agriculture and develop infrastructure facilities in the agriculture sector. Major schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government for developing infrastructural facilities etc in the sector are as follows:

- The Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) is being implemented with the broad objectives of making farming a remunerative economic activity through strengthening the farmer's effort, risk mitigation and promoting agri-business entrepreneurship. Some of the infrastructure development projects taken up are Strengthening of Infrastructure facilities – Storage Godown and Threshing Floor, Infrastructure support for Total Mixed Ration (TMR)/Fodder Block units, Strengthening of Marketing Infrastructure in Cooperative Milk Sector, etc.
- Establishment of Seed Processing- cum- Seed Storage Godowns at Gram Panchayat Level under Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Material.
- Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) includes assistance for development of Post Harvest Management (PHM). Post Harvest Management component includes, inter-alia, setting up of cold storages also. The component is demand/ entrepreneur-driven from among entrepreneurs, private companies, cooperatives, farmers groups etc.

- Under MIDH, National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing a scheme namely Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce. Under the scheme, credit linked back-ended subsidy is provided as per norms.
- Under National Agriculture Market scheme (e-NAM) Government gives grant as one time fixed cost subject to the ceiling of Rs.30.00 lakhs per mandi (other than to the private mandis) for related equipment / infrastructure in those regulated mandis, for installation of the e-market platform. This assistance is further enhanced from existing Rs. 30 lakh to Rs. 75 lakh i.e additional Rs 40.00 lakh per mandi for creation of infrastructure like cleaning, grading and packaging facilities and Rs 5.00 lakh per mandi for installation of bio composting unit etc.
- In order to provide better marketing facilities to the farmers to sell their produce directly to consumers & bulk purchasers, the Government has approved Agri-Market Infrastructure Fund (AMIF) with a corpus of Rs. 2000 crore for developing and upgrading agricultural marketing infrastructure in existing Gramin Haats and 585 Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) Markets. In these villages, physical infrastructure is strengthened using MNREGA and other government schemes. It is a demand driven scheme and State Governments submit their proposals.
- Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) provides a suitable platform for converging all activities for inclusive growth of agricultural mechanization by providing a 'single window' approach for implementation by Promoting 'Custom Hiring Centres' to offset the adverse economies of scale arising due to small landholding and high cost of individual ownership; and Creating hubs for hi-tech & high value farm equipments etc.
- A special Scheme to support the efforts of the Governments of Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and the NCT of Delhi to address air pollution due to stubble burning and to subsidize machinery for the farmers for in-situ management of crop residue, a new Central Sector Scheme on 'Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization for In-Situ Management of Crop Residue in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi (CRM) for the period from 2018-19 to 2019-20.
- Government is implementing the INM & Organic Farming component under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture. Financial assistance is provided for setting up of mechanized fruit/ vegetable market waste/ agro waste compost production units, state of the art liquid/ carrier, bio-fertilizer and organic fertilizer testing laboratory or strengthening of existing laboratory under FCO, etc

(c) & (d): National Statistical Office (NSO) had conducted a survey on Land and Livestock Holdings of Households and Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households during NSS 77th round (January - December 2019) in the rural areas of the country with reference to the Agricultural year July 2018- June 2019. The survey has collected details of the ownership and operational holdings of the rural households and situation assessment of agricultural households.