

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1391**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020  
**LOSSES SUFFERED BY FARMERS DUE TO LOCKDOWN**

1391. SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any provision or is contemplating on forming one to compensate the losses borne by the farmers due to the Coronavirus Pandemic Lockdown as their produce have suffered severe losses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The Government proactively made the following interventions during Covid - 19 Pandemic lockdown for the welfare of farmers across the country.

- (i) Allocating Rs.20 lakh crore package for 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' which also includes Creation of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of Rs.1 lakh crore and Rs 500 crores for Bee-Keeping initiative
- (ii) Brought out two Ordinances namely The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Ordinance , 2020 and Empowerment and Protection of farmers for Agreements of Price Assurance and Farm Services Ordinance, 2020.
- (iii) Since 24th March, 2020 under PM Kisan Scheme, an amount of Rs.40000 crore has been deposited to the bank account of farmers.
- (iv) Government facilitated the farmer for timely harvest of the entire crop, resulting in record procurement of Rabi crop production.
- (v) As per 4<sup>th</sup> advanced estimates for 2019-20, Rabi crops were sown in 646.74 lakh ha. and the harvesting was successfully completed mostly during pandemic lockdown period with a record production of foodgrains at 153.26 Million Tonnes.

- (vi) A quantity of more than 30.68 Lakh MT Pulses and Oilseeds was procured under the PSS Scheme during the period valuing about Rs. 14,780 Crore at about 3000 procurement centres from the farmers in the 11 States.
- (vii) Sowing area coverage for summer crops enhanced to 68.88 lakh ha. against 51.03 lakh ha. of last year.
- (viii) Sowing Area coverage for Kharif crops increased by 5.71% as on 18.9.2020 compared to the corresponding period during the last year.
- (ix) Several steps were taken to decongest wholesale market and to boost the supply chain like integration of e-NAM with e-NWR, insurance of passes/e-passes to FPOs, launching of Uberisation Module of logistics aggregators for making transport available to the farmers for faster movement of farm produce, creation of separate cell in Department for monitoring supply and prices of essential goods and fruits and vegetables. Formulation and approval of Central Sector Scheme for promoting 1000 FPOs, launching of Kisan Rath Mobile App and Farm Machinery Mobile App.

Starting of Kisan Rail to provide seamless connectivity among farmers, markets and consumers and help farmers send their perishable agro-products to inter-state markets in a time bound manner.

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