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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1501
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

EFFECT OF COVID-19 ON AGRICULTURE

1501. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

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

- (a) whether the loss to farmers and the agricultural sector due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown has led to shortages in production of all major crops which in turn may result in increased demand;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government to tackle this issue; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated to the State of Tamil Nadu for tackling the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The Ministry of Home affairs, Government of India had issued comprehensive guidelines on the measures to be taken for containment of Covid-19, which also ensured smooth functioning of Agricultural operations / sector and timely harvesting of crops. As a result, as per Fourth Advance Estimates 2019-20, the foodgrains production in the country is estimated at record 296.65 million tonnes which is higher by 11.44 million tonnes than the production of foodgrain during 2018-19 and higher by 26.87 million tonnes than the average production of foodgrains during previous five years' (2014-15 to 2018-19).

(b) & (c): Does not arise.
