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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1528
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

EFFORTS TO INCREASE FARMERS' INCOME

1528. SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH:

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

- (a) the details of the efforts made by the Government to increase the income of farmers of the country including Uttarakhand during the last three years;
- (b) whether the farmers cultivating traditional crops like paddy, wheat etc. have adopted the cash-crops system through the Government schemes and whether their income has increased;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken special measures to promote cultivation of saffron in Uttarakhand; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The Government has adopted several developmental policies, programmes and schemes which focus on higher incomes for the farmers of the country, including Uttarakhand. All these policies and programmes are being supported by higher budgetary allocations, non-budgetary financial resources by way of creating Corpus Funds, and supplementary income transfers under PM-KISAN. The latest major intervention includes the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat-Agriculture' which includes comprehensive market reforms and creation of 'Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF)' worth Rs 1 lakh crore.

(b) & (c): Keeping in view the shift in consumption patterns and varying market conditions, the farmers decide the acreage to put under cultivation for different cereal crops and/or cash crops.

With a view to increase the profitability of agriculture sector, Government is implementing several Crop Development Schemes/ Programmes, including National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Soil Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, etc.

(d) & (e): As per the information provided by the Government of Uttarakhand, saffron is not cultivated in the State at present.