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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1600
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

PROMOTING CULTIVATION OF TRADITIONAL CROPS

1600 SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:

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

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to create awareness among farmers for cultivation of traditional crops in the country so that farmers take interest in traditional farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including Maharashtra; 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 (b): In order to promote cultivation of traditional crops, the Government is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM)- Nutri Cereals in 14 States of the country including Maharashtra. The north eastern States, Himachal Pradesh, & 2 Union Territories viz. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh have been given flexibility to implement programme on nutri-cereals.

The assistance is being provided to the farmers through the state governments on latest crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of site specific newly released varieties/hybrids/ stress tolerant/ climate resilient/ bio-fortified varieties, Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management techniques, improved farm implements/tools/ resource conservation machineries & water saving devices and capacity building of farmers through trainings during each cropping season. Besides, assistance is also provided for formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) through Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC), Centers of Excellence (CoE), creation of seed hubs, organizing events / workshops, distribution of seed minikits, publicity through print and electronic media etc.

Further, the States can promote traditional crops under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER).

(c): The question does not arise.
