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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH FEBRUARY, 2021

HIGHER COST IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

1328. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the farmers who have adopted organic agriculture are facing higher costs and production is decreasing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including the State of Madhya Pradesh;
- (c) the measures adopted by the Government to promote marketing of organic agriculture produces and to encourage organic agriculture especially in the State of Madhya Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any policy to encourage organic farming to ensure organic production in a transparent, fair and easy manner; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e) No, such observation has been brought to the notice of the Government. However, the research studies under ICAR-All India Network Programme on Organic Farming indicate that comparable yield or slightly higher yield to that of conventional management can be obtained in kharif and summer crops in 2 to 3 years even in intensive agricultural areas under organic farming, while in rabi crops, the yield stabilizes after 5 years. Further, organic farming can be successfully practiced through Integrated Organic Farming Systems (IOFS) where in use of external inputs can be minimized to a great extent through recycling thereby reducing input costs to the farmer and increasing returns.

In compliance to the Organic farming policy 2005, organic farming scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) has been operational in the country including the state of Madhya Pradesh for the promotion of organic farming. Financial Support is provided to the farmers for inputs, certification, post-harvest infrastructure creation and value addition including marketing and branding through the scheme. Under PKVY, an assistance of Rs 8800/ ha is provided to the farmers in the clusters for marketing, branding, trade etc. States have developed their own organic brands including “Made In Mandla” brand in M.P. and individual ATMA's in the state are involved in marketing of the organic produce of the farmers. In M.P, a separate platform is provided in APMC's for selling authentic Organic Produce so that farmers can get premium price for their produce. Agriculture Processed Food and Export Development Authority (APEDA), conducts regular buyer seller meet for marketing of organic products under National Programme of Organic Produce (NPOP) programme.

To ensure transparency in a fair and easy manner PGS Certification Portal captures all stages of production, processing and handling which is further authenticated by transaction certificate for verification by buyers.
