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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1362
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH FEBRUARY, 2021

COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

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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 any concrete policy to make up the loss of crops, vegetables, fruits and milk etc. to the farmers during Corona-virus pandemic and lockdown;
- (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): During the lockdown, the agriculture sector had functioned smoothly. Government of India had taken all necessary measures to ensure smooth operation of agriculture related activities.

The Government had launched many schemes/programmes to assist the farmers of the country during the lockdown period such as :-

1. From 24.03.2020 to 02.02.2021, funds amounting to Rs. 62,301.22 crore have been transferred to the Bank Accounts of PM-KISAN beneficiaries.
2. Kisan Rails were operated for the first time from July, 2020 to facilitate movement of perishable Agri-Horticulture commodities.
3. Central Sector Scheme of financing facility under Agri Infrastructure Fund. This scheme is operational from the year 2020-21 to 2029-30. The aim is creation of infrastructure at the farm gate.

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4. The National Bee and Honey Mission (NBHM) - Rs.500 crore from 2020-2021 to 2022-2023 is allocated for the sector.
5. Concessional credit boost to 2.5 crore farmers through Kisan Credit Card. So far 174.96 lakh Kisan Credit Cards have been issued as part of the KCC saturation drive since February 2020 to 03.02.2021.
6. Central Sector Scheme "Supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations engaged in dairy activities" is operational from 2016-17 with a corpus of Rs. 300 crore to be used for providing soft loans for working capital to enable State Dairy Cooperative Federations to provide a stable market access to farmers. An amount of Rs. 203 crore has been released to National Dairy Development Board till December 2020 for implementation of the scheme during 2020-21. The "interest subvention on working capital loan" with a total outlay of Rs.100 crore for supporting the dairy cooperatives to overcome problems being faced due to COVID 19 has been approved by Government of India for FY 2020-21. The budget for 2021-22 is Rs 100 Cr. Under this provision, 2% per annum interest subvention on secured working capital loan shall be provided. For prompt and timely repayment, additional 2% interest subvention will be payable at the end of the loan repayment period.
