## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.144 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE $2^{\rm ND}$ FEBRUARY, 2021

## LOSS TO FARMERS DUE TO PROTEST

144. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI: SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to farmers protest many farmers have suffered huge loss due to closed borders barring them to sell their product to national capital;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has assessed the impact of agricultural product loss due to this reason;
- (c) whether there is any decrease in sowing area for crop between October till date; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to compensate those farmers who lost their product due to farmers protest?

## **ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): Normally Rabi sowing starts from the month of October and as per the weekly report received from the States, the total area sown in Rabi season as on date (29.01.2021) is 684.59 lakh ha as compared to last year's area sown of 665.59 lakh ha, thereby indicating an increase of 19.01 lakh ha area sown for the current year as compared to last year. Government of India has not received any information of loss to the farmers due to closed borders barring them to sell their produce to national capital. Hence, the question of compensation for loss of produce does not arise.

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