

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.175**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021

**NATIONAL FARMERS' DAY**

175. SHRI SELVAM G.:  
SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:  
DR. UMESH G. JADHAV:  
SHRI B.Y. RAGHAVENDRA:  
SHRI DHANUSH M. KUMAR:  
SHRI GAUTHAM SIGAMANI PON:  
SHRI REBATI TRIPURA:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has observed National Farmers' day recently, if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to achieve the aims and objectives of the event and the details of programmes organized by the Government to mark this occasion;
- (b) whether the Government has taken measures to identify the major problems of agriculturists in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to resolve these problems;
- (c) whether there are many small and marginal farmers in the country having small land holdings;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to persuade these farmers to go for cooperative farming and if so, the details of the achievement made so far; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to provide quality seeds to small and marginal farmers at fair prices?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री ( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Yes, The National Farmers Day was celebrated across the country by organizing different activities like tree plantations, Kisan melas, farmer related Exhibitions, webinars, awareness rallies, cleanliness drive, Farmer Scientist Interaction, Kisan Gosthies, farm visit, Exposure visits, discussion about new farmers bills, discussion about Farmers Producers Organizations etc. National Farmers' Day was also celebrated through 551 Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) with participation of 43013 farmers.

(b): Agriculture being a State subject, the State Governments undertake implementation of programs/schemes for the development of the sector. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments through various schemes/ programs. These schemes/ programs of the Government of India are meant for the welfare of farmers by increasing production, remunerative returns and income support to farmers.

The Government constituted an Inter-ministerial Committee in April, 2016 to examine issues relating to “Doubling of Farmers Income” and recommend strategies to achieve the same. The Committee submitted its Report to the Government in September, 2018 containing the strategy for doubling of farmers’ income by the year 2022. The DFI strategy as recommended by the Committee include seven sources of income growth viz., (i) improvement in crop productivity; (ii) improvement in livestock productivity; (iii) resource use efficiency or savings in the cost of production; (iv) increase in the cropping intensity; (v) diversification towards high value crops; (vi) improvement in real prices received by farmers; and (vii) shift from farm to non-farm occupations.

The Government has adopted several developmental programmes, schemes, reforms and policies, that focus on higher incomes for the farmers. All these policies & 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, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna (PMKSY), Increase in Minimum Support Price (MSPs) for all Kharif & Rabi Crops, Har Med Par Ped, Bee-Keeping, Rashtriya Gokul Mission, Blue Revolution, Interest Subvention Scheme, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), etc. 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 crores.

(c): The share of small and marginal farmers in the country taken together (0.00-2.00 ha.) constituted 86.08% of the total land holdings as per census 2015-16 while there in the operational area stood at 46.94 %.

(d): In the Union Budget 2019-20, the Government of India had announced formation of 10000 new Farmers Producers Organization (FPOs) to ensure economies of scale of farmers over the 5 years period. Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs) are registered as Producer Companies and Co-operative Societies.

(e): Government is implementing *Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Materials (SMSP)* from the year 2014-15 to promote production and multiplication of quality seeds of agricultural crops, so that the required quantities of seeds could be made available to farmers including small and marginal farmers in the country. Seed Village Programme has been introduced to upgrade the quality of farmer’s saved seeds. The KVKs produced 20100 tone quality seeds of improved varieties of different field crops and provided to the farmers during last one year.