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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2362

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH MARCH, 2021

AGRICULTURE INPUT SUBSIDY

2362. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to increase agriculture input grants limit from 2 hectares to 5 hectares with particular reference to Rajasthan;
- b) if so, the time by when this will be achieved and if not, the reasons therefor;
- c) whether the Government proposes to include farmers of districts having 5 hectares of land holding as small and marginal farmers under Drought Development Programme;
- d) if so, the time by when this proposal will be executed and if not, the reasons therefor;
- e) whether the Government is considering to increase Agriculture Input grant for horticulture crops like orange (kinnu) and cash crops such as cumin seeds and Psyllium husk (Isabgol) by Rs. 50,000 per/hectare in view of their higher initial input cost; and
- f) if so, the time by when the same is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): No such proposal is under consideration as of now. Under most schemes of the DAC&FW, assistance is not linked to area of land holding.

(c) & (d): Three programmes previously implemented on watershed basis viz. Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) were integrated and consolidated into a single modified programme called the Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) with effect from 26.02.2009 which was later amalgamated as one of the component of PMKSY in 2015-16 i.e Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY).

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The activities undertaken *inter alia* include ridge area treatment, drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rain water harvesting, nursery raising, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development, livelihoods for assetless persons, etc.

820 watersheds projects are implemented in Rajasthan with the central assistance under WDC-PMKSY, out of which 601 projects have been completed and 219 projects are ongoing as on date. An amount of Rs.2984.596 crore has been released to Rajasthan as Central share.

(e) & (f): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) was approved for continuation upto 31.03.2020, co-terminus with 14th Finance Commission period. Government has given an extension for continuation of scheme up to 31.03.2021 or till the date the recommendations of 15th Finance Commission come into effect, whichever is earlier. As MIDH Scheme is currently up to 31.03.2021, therefore, the proposal for increasing the agriculture input grant will be considered while extending the scheme & issue of revised guidelines beyond 31.03.2021.
