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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3494
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH AUGUST 2021

STUBBLE BURNING

3494.SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether farmers burn stubble to clear their farm lands for sowing of rabi crops in northern parts of India;
- (b) if so, the measures taken by the Ministry to address the problem of stubble burning after paddy harvesting in States like Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal to provide financial assistance to farmers for removing stubble from their fields to check pollution in the National Capital Territory of Delhi and nearby areas, and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Paddy Stubble burning is mainly practised in Indo-gangetic plains of the States of Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to clear the fields for Rabi Crop sowing. To support the efforts of the Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi to address air pollution and to subsidize machinery required for management of crop residue, a Central Sector Scheme on 'Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization for In-Situ Management of Crop Residue in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi' is being implemented since 2018-19. Under this scheme, financial assistance @ 50% of the cost of machinery is provided to the farmers for purchase of crop residue management machinery and financial assistance @ 80% of the project cost is provided to the Cooperative Societies of Farmers, Farmers Producers Organization (FPOs), Registered Farmers Societies and Panchayats for establishment of Custom Hiring Centres of crop residue management machinery. During the period from 2018-19 to 2020-21, more than 30900 Custom Hiring Centres have been established and a total of more than 1.58 lakh crop residue management machines have been supplied to these custom hiring centres and individual farmers of these four States.
