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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1520
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7th DECEMBER, 2021

QUALITY OF LIFE OF FARMERS

1520. SMT KESHARI DEVI PATEL:

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

(a) the details of the action taken by the Government to improve the quality of the life of farmers engaged in the cultivation of amla as their quality of life is not satisfactory?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing a Scheme namely Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a centrally sponsored scheme, for the holistic development of horticulture in the country with the objective to enhance production & productivity of horticulture crops, augmenting farmers income, strengthening nutritional security and also to improve the quality of life of the farmers. All States/UTs are covered under MIDH.

Under MIDH, assistance is provided for area expansion of fruit crops (including amla) @ 40% of the maximum cost for maximum area of 4 ha./beneficiary for meeting the expenditure on planting material and cost of material for drip irrigation, trellies and INM/IPM, in 3 installments of 60:20:20 subject to survival rate of 75% in 2nd year and 90% in 3rd year). In the case of NE and Himalayan States, TSP areas, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance will be @ 50% of the maximum cost.

Since inception of the MIDH scheme i.e. from 2014-15 to 2020-21, an area of 4.17 lakh has been covered under horticulture fruit crops (including amla) for which assistance of Rs. 898.02 crore has been provided.

Under MIDH, assistance is also extended for setting up of Primary/Mobile/Minimal processing unit for value addition of horticulture crops (including amla). Details of the cost norms and pattern of assistance are as under:

Name of the Component	Cost Norms	Pattern of Assistance
Primary/Mobile/Minimal processing unit	Rs. 25.00 Lakh/unit	Credit linked back-ended subsidy @ 40% of the capital cost of project in general areas and 55% in case of Hilly & Scheduled areas.

Apart from the above, under Human Resource Development (HRD) component of MIDH, there is also a provision of awareness programme, farmers training, exposure visit, training on latest technologies on production and post-harvest management etc. to the farmers involved in cultivation of horticulture crops including amla.
