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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07TH DECEMBER, 2021

SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN DALHAN AND TILHAN PRODUCE

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

- (a) the details of schemes for making the country self-sufficient in Tilhan and Dalhan;
- (b) whether it is production of fact that shortage of production of Tilhan and Dalhan are the major factors for high prices of these products and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any scheme for farmers of Tal Area in Bihar for financial support as they are facing problems for their Dalhan produce; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The Government is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM) for enhancing production of oilseeds and pulses in the country. Under NFSM, assistance is given through state governments to farmers for interventions like cluster demonstrations on improved package of practices, demonstrations on cropping system, seed production and distribution of High Yielding Varieties/hybrids, improved farm machineries/resource conservation machineries/tools, efficient water application tools, plant protection measures, nutrient management/soil ameliorants, cropping system based trainings to the farmers etc. In addition, the mission also provides support to Indian Council of Agricultural research (ICAR) & State Agricultural Universities (SAUs)/Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for technology back stopping and transfer of technology to the farmer under supervision of Subject Matter Specialists/Scientists. Besides, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana RAFTAAR (RKVY-RAFTAAR) provides provision for crop production related activities on oilseeds and pulses. Under RKVY-RAFTAAR, the states can also implement programme on oilseeds and pulses with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) constituted under the chairpersonship of Chief Secretary of the state.

(b): The prices of oilseeds and pulses are influenced by various factors viz; domestic production, stock available from past seasons, demand from consumers, agro-climatic conditions etc. The production of oilseeds and pulses increased from 31.52 million tonne and 22.08 million tonne during 2018-19 to 36.10 million tonne and 25.72 million tonne during 2020-21, respectively.

(c) & (d): The districts of Patna, Lakhisarai, Sheikhpura, Munger, Bhagalpur in Bihar consist the major area of Tal for Dalhan production. Farmers are benefiting under the NFSM-Pulses programmes viz., demonstrations, seed production and distribution of improved varieties, subsidies on use of micro nutrients, Sulphur, biofertilizers and integrated pest management inputs. The financial support under NFSM-Pulses in Tal Districts of Bihar during 2020-21 is as under;

(Rs. in Lakh)

S.No.	Districts	2020-21
1	Patna	56.481
2	Lakhisarai	32.890
3	Sheikhpura	0.360
4	Munger	2.268
5	Bhagalpur	28.032
	Total	120.031
