

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 273**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

**ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS IN ODISHA**

273. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to support farmers for the losses suffered during pandemic and flood in Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government will extend support with farm loan waiver or provide seeds and fertilizers to the farmers, if so, the details of the same?

**ANSWER**

Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (b) During the COVID-19 pandemic, the agriculture sector had functioned smoothly. Government of India had taken all necessary measures to ensure smooth operation of agriculture related activities. An amount of Rs 500 crore has been released to Government of Odisha from National Disaster Response Fund, in advance, 'on account basis' for cyclone 'Yaas' during 2021-22.

(c) Government of India has not announced any farm loan waiver in recent years. Under the component National Seed Reserve (NSR) of Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Materials (SMSP), seeds of short and medium duration crops varieties are kept to meet requirement during natural calamities and unforeseen conditions One per cent of the total seed availability at the national level is kept under NSR. Close monitoring of movement and availability of all fertilizers to real time coordination with State Governments/Fertilizer Companies etc. was ensured.

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