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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL UPLIFTMENT OF FARMERS

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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 the schemes being run for economic and social upliftment of the farmers in the country State-wise;
- (b) the details of the laws enacted in the interest of the farmers for increasing their income in the country;
- (c) whether all the laws are being implemented in an effective manner and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any provision has been made by the Government to check the incidents of suicides being committed by the farmers due to financial distress in the country and provide compensation to the families of the farmers committing suicide and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of various schemes formulated for the progress of farmers in Bihar?

ANSWER

Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (e): Details of beneficiary oriented Schemes being implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare for economic and social upliftment of the farmers in the country including the state of Bihar are given in **Annexure**.

(b) to (c): Agriculture being a State Subject, the State Governments take appropriate measures for development of agriculture in the State. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures and budgetary support and various schemes/ programmes. The various schemes/ programmes of the Government of India are meant for the welfare of farmers by increasing production, remunerative returns and income support to farmers. All these steps of the Government of India are for the welfare of the farmers of the country.

(d) In the year 2013-14, the Budget allocation for Department of Agriculture was only Rs. 21933.50 crore. This has been increased by more than 5.5 times to Rs. 1,23,017.57 crore in 2021-22. Institutional credit for agriculture sector increased from Rs. 7.3 lakh crore in 2013-14 with a target to reach Rs. 16.5 lakh crore in 2021-22. A special drive has been undertaken since February 2020 to provide concessional institutional credit with focus on covering all PM-KISAN beneficiaries through Kisan Credit Cards (KCC). Till date, 260.60 lakh new KCC applications have been sanctioned with a sanction credit limit of Rs. 2,76,780 crore as part of the drive. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana was launched in 2016 to address problems of high premium rates for farmers and reduction in sum insured due to capping. In past 5 years of implementation, 29.39 crore farmers applicants enrolled and over 8.83 crore (Provisional) farmer applicants have received claims of over Rs. 102045 crore. During this period nearly Rs. 21451 crore were paid by farmers as their share of premium against which claims of over Rs.102045 crore (Provisional) have paid to them.

A few State Governments provide different relief measures to families of farmers who commit suicide and as per information available, these may inter-alia include; ex-gratia relief to the heirs of the deceased farmer, one time settlement of loans and relief provided to the children to get free education.

Annexure

Major Schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

SI No	Name of the Scheme	Purpose
1.	Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)	The scheme aims to supplement the financial needs of all landholding farmers. Under the Scheme an amount of Rs.6000/- per year is released (in three equal instalments of Rs. 2000/- every four months) by the Central Government online directly into the bank accounts of the eligible farmers.
2.	Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)	To provide social security net for the landholding Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs) as they have minimal or no savings to provide for old age and to support them in the event of consequent loss of livelihood
3.	Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR)	Aims at making farming a remunerative economic activity through strengthening the farmers' effort, risk mitigation and promoting agri business entrepreneurship.
4.	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)	Affordable crop insurance scheme for farmers against all non preventable natural risks.
5.	Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)	The PMKSY-Per Drop More Crop mainly focuses on water use efficiency at farm level through precision/micro irrigation. Besides promoting precision irrigation (drip and sprinkler irrigation systems) and better on-farm water management practices to optimize the use of available water resources, this component also supports micro level water storage or water conservation/management activities to supplement micro irrigation.
6.	National Honey and Bee Mission (NHBM)	Promotion and development of scientific beekeeping in the country
7.	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)	Medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management Infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support.
8.	Interest Subvention Scheme (ISS)	Aims at providing adequate and timely credit support by way of short term crop loan upto Rs 3 lakhs to all farmers.
9.	National Bamboo Mission (NBM)	To increase the area under bamboo plantation in non-forest Government and private lands to supplement farm income and contribute towards resilience to climate change as well as availability of quality raw material requirement of industries.
10.	Sub Mission on Agro-forestry (SMAF)	To encourage and expand tree plantation in a complementary and integrated manner with crops and livestock to improve productivity, employment opportunities, income generation and

		livelihoods of rural households, especially the small farmers.
11.	Soil Health Management (SHM)	To develop and promote soil test based nutrient management for enhancing nutrient use efficiency
12.	Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)	Aims at making the extension system farmer driven and farmer accountable by disseminating technology to farmers through new institutional arrangements viz. Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) at district level to operationalize extension reforms in a participatory mode.
13.	Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization(SMAM)	Increase the reach of farm mechanization to small and marginal farmers and to the regions where availability of farm power is low;
14.	Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)	Stimulate holistic growth of the horticulture sector through area based regionally differentiated strategies involving technology promotion, extension, post harvest management (PHM), processing and marketing in consonance with comparative advantage of each State/region and its diverse agro-climatic features;
15.	Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)	Production and multiplication of high yielding certified/quality seeds of all crops and making them available to the farmers
16.	National Food Security Mission (NFSM).	Increasing production of rice, wheat, pulses coarse cereals (maize & barley), nutri-cereals (jowar, bajra, ragi & other small millets) and commercial crops (jute, cotton & sugarcane), oilseeds & oilpalm through area expansion and productivity enhancement in a sustainable manner in the identified districts of the country.
17.	Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM)	To develop marketing infrastructure to effectively handle and manage marketable surpluses of agricultural and allied produce including horticulture, livestock, poultry, fishery, bamboo, minor forest produce and such like produce supportive to enhance farmers' income etc.
18.	Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs)	Aggregation of small, marginal and landless farmers into FPOs in order to enhance economic strength & market linkages for enhancing their income.