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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2096
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2022

LINKING OF FID WITH AGRISTACK DATA

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

(a) whether the Government has started the process of creation of Unique Farmer Identity (FID) and linking it with the AgriStack data for the cultivators and sharing the same with private companies and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
(b) whether any specific data protection and regulations have been put in place, so that farmers can control what data they would have to share with the IT companies developing Unified Farmer Service Interface and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has held consultations with farmers and State Governments regarding the sharing of AgriStack with private companies;
(d) if so, the details thereof including the data safety measures taken by the Government with respect to AgriStack and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(e) whether some steps would be taken to increase digital literacy rates in rural areas so as to promote the usage of AgriStack and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री   (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): The Department has constituted a High Level Task Force, which is in the process of finalizing "India Digital Ecosystem of Agriculture (IDEA) report. Task Force invited comments from subject experts, farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and general public and considered them. Based on this, the Department is in the process of finalizing a framework for creating Agristack in the country, which will serve as a foundation to build innovative agri-focused solutions leveraging digital technologies to contribute effectively towards increasing the income of farmers and

improve efficiency of the Agriculture sector in the country. Once finalized, this can serve as a foundation to build innovative agri-focused solutions leveraging technologies to contribute effectively towards increasing the income of farmers and improve farm efficiency/efficiency of the Agriculture sector in the country with an overall goal of Doubling of Farmers' Incomes. A federated farmers' database is being built by the Department and once completed, this would serve as the core of the Agristack.

As of now, the federated database is being built by taking the publicly available data as existing in the Department and in various data silos in Government.

(e): The Department is reaching out to farmers of the country through various digital platforms including websites and mobile applications.

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