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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2157**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022

**FUNCTIONING OF AGRICULTURE**

2157. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED :

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

- (a) the number of mandis that procure crops like maize, jute, paddy and wheat in Bihar including Kishanganj and Purnia districts at MSP rate;
- (b) whether sufficient infrastructure and manpower to buy these crops at the MSP rate is provided to concerned entities;
- (c) the schemes operating under the Ministry in Kishanganj and Purnia for crop damage during a natural calamity like flood, hail storm, cyclone, drought, inter alia and the details of the compensation amount provided for the same in the last three years; and
- (d) the schemes run by the Ministry for farm mechanization support or subsidy in Kishanganj and Purnia districts where a large population of farmers still practice conventional farming and the status of implementation of the same?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b) : In Bihar, procurement of paddy and wheat is done by Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS) at panchyat level and Vyapar Mandal at Block level. The Cooperative bodies have sufficient infrastructure and manpower for the purpose of procurement. Further, as per revised guidelines of allocation, distribution and disposal of coarse grains by the State Government, States are allowed to procure coarse grains (Jowar, Bajra, Maize & Ragi) from farmers at MSP under central pool subject to the prior approval of Government of India on the detailed procurement plan prepared by State Governments in consultation with FCI. State Government of Bihar has not sent any proposal for procurement of coarse grains as per extant guidelines of coarse grains during last three years. There are 12 numbers of Departmental Purchase Centres (DPCs) of Jute Corporation of India (JCI) that procure raw jute and mesta from farmers at MSP in Bihar including Kishanganj & Purnia district of the State and JCI has the infrastructure and manpower for MSP at its procurement centres.

(c) : The State Government is primarily responsible for taking immediate measures in the wake of all natural calamities. The Government provides assistance to the State Governments through financial and logistic support. The State Governments have ready availability of funds in the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) for taking immediate measures in the wake of all natural calamities. Additional assistance over and above SDRF, is considered from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), for natural calamities of severe nature, in accordance with an established procedure and on submission of a Memorandum for Central assistance by the affected State. The State Government of Bihar has not submitted any Memorandum seeking financial assistance in the wake of natural calamities coordinated by this Department in the last three years. State Government is implementing its own assistance scheme namely, Bihar Rajya Fasal Sahayata Yojana in all the districts of the State.

(d) : Government is implementing Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) w.e.f April,2014 through States/UTS Governments. The scheme aims at 'reaching the unreached' by bringing to the small and marginal farmers and giving the benefits of farm mechanization, by Promoting 'Custom Hiring Centers', creating hubs for hi-tech & high value farm equipments, distribution of various agricultural equipments, creating awareness among stakeholders through demonstration and capacity building activities, and ensuring performance testing and certification at designated testing centers located all over the country. The Mission objectives are as follows:-

- (i) Increasing the reach of farm mechanization to small and marginal farmers and to the regions where availability of farm power is low;
- (ii) Promoting 'Custom Hiring Centres' to offset the adverse economies of scale arising due to small landholding and high cost of individual ownership;
- (iii) Creating hubs for hi-tech & high value farm equipments;
- (iv) Creating awareness among stakeholders through demonstration and capacity building activities;
- (v) Ensuring performance testing and certification at designated testing centers located all over the country.

Year-wise funds released under SMAM are given below:

Year wise Funds released (Rs. in crore)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	194.87	153.1	363.63	791.04	1126.77	992.19	1026.63

Year-wise funds released to Bihar under SMAM are given below:

Year wise Funds released (Rs. in crore)	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
	9.01	-	14.00	-	25.00	-	31.92

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