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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3090
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22nd MARCH, 2022

FEATURES OF PM-KISAN SCHEME

3090. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that heavy rainfall last year caused major losses to farmers in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has made any proposal/plan to cover up their losses through this scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN) is a Central Sector Scheme. The Scheme aims at providing financial assistance to landholding farmer families across the country, subject to certain exclusion criteria, to enable them to take care of expenses related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs. Under the Scheme, an amount of Rs. 6000/- per year is transferred in three 4-monthly installments of Rs.2000/- directly into the bank accounts of the farmers. Under the Scheme, the responsibility of identifying the beneficiaries and uploading their correct and verified data on PM-KISAN portal lies with the respective State/UT Government. After the validation of data received from States/UTs through Aadhar/PFMS/Income Tax database, benefits are transferred to the eligible beneficiaries.

(b) Tamil Nadu was affected by heavy rains in the month of October-November, 2021, the Central Government constituted an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT), which visited the affected areas from 21st to 24th November, 2021. Based on the reports of IMCT and recommendation of the Sub-Committee of National Executive Committee (SC-NEC), High Level Committee (HLC) has approved an assistance of Rs. 352.85 crore from NDRF to the Government of Tamil Nadu which has since been released.

(c) & (d): PM-KISAN Scheme is an income support Scheme that aims at providing financial assistance to landholding farmer families across the country, subject to certain exclusion criteria, to enable them to take care of expenses related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs, the question does not arise.

However, with a view to provide better insurance coverage to crops for risk mitigation, Government has introduced yield based Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) along with weather index based Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme. (RWBCIS) from Kharif 2016. The scheme aims at supporting the sustainable production in agriculture sector by way of providing financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of unforeseen natural calamities, adverse weather incidence and to help in stabilizing the income of farmers to ensure their continuance in farming. Comprehensive risk insurance to farmers is provided against non-preventable natural calamities such as drought, dry-spells, flood, hailstorm, inundation etc. under the scheme from pre-sowing to post-harvest losses.
