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TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH 2022

SAFETY EQUIPMENTS FOR FARMERS

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

- (a) whether there are any Government schemes where farmers are provided safety equipments like goggles, helmets and protective suits to be used while spraying pesticides;
- (b) if so, the details of the schemes and the number of farmers benefitted from such schemes classified, Statewise;
- (c) if not, the details regarding other mechanisms by which protective gear for pesticide usage are being made available to the farmers;
- (d) whether the Government plans to introduce any such scheme for protection of farmers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons there for?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): There are no specific schemes implemented by this department where farmers are provided safety equipments like goggles, helmets and protective suits to be used while spraying pesticides.

However, the Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine & Storage, an attached office of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers welfare organizes training activities like Farmers Field Schools (FFS) through its 35 Central Integrated Pest Management Centers (CIPMCs) in States/ Union Territories to create awareness among farmers on the various latest Integrated Pest Management (IPM) technologies.

During the FFS programmes, the farmers are provided with IPM kits for easy identification of pests / pathogens while carrying out field exercise. The kits also include safety equipments such as goggles, apron, gloves, cap, gumboots etc. Demonstration is also given to the farmers for use of such protective equipments while spraying pesticides. During the trainings, major emphasis is given on judicious use of chemical pesticide as a last resort, alternate tools for pest management viz; cultural, physical, mechanical methods of pest control as well as use of bio-pesticides and bio-control agents, effects of pesticides on natural enemies of pests, do's and don'ts of pesticide including proper application equipment and the technique. Under this programme , farmers are being made aware about the judicious use of chemical pesticides and use as per the prescriptions given in the label and leaflets.

The details of FFS conducted by the CIPMCs in the last three years along with the number of beneficiaries is given below:

Year	No. of FFS
2019-20	690
2020-21	351
2021-22	282
