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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5345
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH APRIL, 2022

COCOA CULTIVATION

5345. DR. SANJEEV KUMAR SINGARI:

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

- (a) the details of human resource development activities to encourage and promote cocoa in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has developed any framework to realize the increasing potential and popularity of cocoa cultivation in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) 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): A centrally sponsored scheme, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented for awareness programmes, farmers trainings and exposure visits etc. to aware farmers about the latest technologies being used to encourage and promote cocoa in the country under human resource development components.

(b & c): Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing MIDH for holistic growth of the horticulture sector including cocoa in Andhra Pradesh. All States/ UTs are covered under MIDH.

Under MIDH, for area expansion of plantation crops including cocoa, assistance is provided @ 40% of the maximum cost for meeting the expenditure on planting material, cost of drip system, INM/ IPM, canopy management etc. in 3 installment of 60:20:20. In case of North East and Himalayan states, TSP areas, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance is @50% of cost.
