

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5425
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH APRIL, 2022

AGRICULTURAL MANPOWER

5425. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

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

- (a) whether the farmers of the country do not get any work for most of the time of the year resulting in under-utilisation of manpower in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted or proposes to conduct any study in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcomes thereof; and
- (d) the action taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Work opportunities for farmers depend on farming activities. Farming is characterized by busy and lean seasons. During busy season, farmers are employed. Longer is the busy season, more is the employment.

(b) to (d) : No study is presently being conducted in this regard. However, some of the steps taken by the Government in utilization of agricultural manpower is given below:

(i) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the household in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(ii) Under the Centrally Sponsored component of the Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE) under Green Revolution – Krishionnati Yojana, grants-in-aid is released to states with an objective to make available the thematic areas to increase agricultural production through extension activities viz., Farmers Training, demonstrations, exposure Visits, Kisan Mela, Mobilisation of Farmers Groups and setting up of Farm Schools.

The Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes (FMTTIs) are imparting training to different categories of beneficiaries like farmers, technicians etc. To supplement the efforts of the FMTTIs outsourcing of the training through the identified Institutions, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutions, Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Institutions, National Innovation Foundation, training programmes are funded as per the norms prescribed by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. During the year 2021-22 till December, 2021, total 11,582 trainees were trained. During the year 2021, a special drive for Skilling the Migrant Labourers in the area of agricultural machinery under the “Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan” of the Government has been initiated.

(iii) Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Central Institute of Horticulture, Nagaland has provided training to more than 1239 farmers and officials on various aspects of horticulture such as cultivation of exotic vegetables, production technology of various horticulture crops, post harvest management and value addition and nursery management and accreditation.
