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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5441**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022

**DEMAND FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY**

5441. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU

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

- (a) whether the Government agrees with the view that at the national level, a precise estimation has to be made for the total demand of each agricultural commodity well in advance of their sowing seasons;
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government keeping in mind that it should also include requirements for domestic consumption both for humans and animals as well as exports; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): In order to assess the demand of agriculture inputs before a crop season, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) organizes zonal meetings with the states before national conference on Kharif, Rabi and Summer campaigns every year. These zonal meetings undertake assessment, requirement and availability of seeds and fertilizers. In addition, DA&FW reviews demand and supply of agriculture inputs in meeting through video conferencing held on every Tuesday.

Further, The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, Government of India, had constituted a Working Group on Crop Husbandry, Agricultural Inputs, Demand and Supply projections, which submitted its reports titled "Demand & Supply Projections Towards 2033 (Crops, Livestock, Fisheries and Agricultural inputs) in 2018. The terms of reference (TOR) of the Working Group included the estimation of requirements of rice, wheat, maize, other coarse cereals, pulses, food grains, oilseeds, sugarcane, cotton, jute, fruits, vegetables, flowers and animal products viz. milk, meat, egg, fish and wool etc., including their demand for export, domestic use and make the supply projections for the terminal years 2019-20, 2023-24 and 2032-33 and assessment of demand and supply of fertilizers, seeds, credit, feed & fodder and other inputs for 2019-20, 2023-24 and 2032-33 and suggest measures to meet the demand and judicious management of inputs to achieve higher use efficiency.