

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1566**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2022

**NUTRITION CENTRIC CROP DIVERSIFICATION**

1566. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a recent study by the Tata Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition has found that the diet recommended by the EAT-Lancet Commission is inaccessible to rural India and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is taking steps to promote nutrition-centric crop diversification and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) The National and International research institutions conduct study on various aspects of nutrition and recommend analyses. The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has not received any such report of Tata Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition in this regard.
- (b) Government is promoting biofortified varieties of various crops recommended by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The diversified production system of field and horticulture crops promote nutritional food. The Government is already implementing schemes viz; National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) etc. that promote production of field and horticulture crops besides technology support of National Agricultural Research System (NARS).

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