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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1596
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JULY, 2022

SCHEMES FOR MAKHANA PRODUCING FARMERS

1596. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:

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

(a) whether the Government is implementing agriculture-based schemes through NAFED or other institutions in Katihar, Kosi, Seemanchal and Mithilanchal regions for providing basic facilities to the makhana-producing farmers;

(b) if so, the names and the details thereof;

(c) whether the responsibility for the purchase of makhana produced by the farmers of Katihar Parliamentary Constituency including Kosi, Seemanchal and Mithilanchal of Bihar has been given to NAFED by the Government;

(d) whether any plan has been made to set target for makhana procurement and fix the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of makhana; and

(e) 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) to (c) : The Government of India has launched the Central Sector Scheme of "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs which will leverage economies of scale, reduction of cost of production and enhancing farmers' incomes. Under this scheme, provision is made for professional handholding support for a period of five years to new FPOs formed.

Under the said scheme, 13 Implementing Agencies (IAs) viz. Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED), North Eastern Regional Agricultural

Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC), Tamil Nadu-Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (TN-SFAC), Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium Haryana (SFACH), Watershed Development Department (WDD)- Karnataka, Foundation for Development of Rural Value Chains (FDRVC)- Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), Gujarat Agro-Industries Corporation Ltd. (GAICL), Uttar Pradesh Diversified Agriculture Support Project (UPDASP), Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED) & National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) was approved to form & promote FPOs. The IAs namely, SFAC, NABARD, NCDC & NAFED have promoted 13 FPOs of Makhana crop in the State of Bihar. The details are at **Annexure –I**.

(d) & (e) : Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of 22 mandated agricultural crops and Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane on the basis of recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors. The 22 mandated crops include 14 Kharif crops viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, arhar (tur), moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum, nigerseed, cotton and 6 Rabi crops viz. wheat, barley, gram, masur (lentil), rapeseed & mustard, safflower and two commercial crops viz. jute and copra. In addition, MSP for toria and de-husked coconut are also fixed on the basis of MSPs of rapeseed/mustard and copra respectively. Government fixes MSP for those crops which are generally non-perishable in nature, having mass consumption, essential for food security, do not have widely varying cost of production and widely grown having large area under cultivation are included under MSP.

Details of FPOs promoted by various IAs in Bihar

S. No.	Name of Implementing Agency	Name of the FPO	District covered
1	NAFED	Katihar Atulya Makhana Fed Producer Company Limited	Katihar
2	NAFED	Purnea Atulya Makhana Fed Producer Company Limited	Purnea
3	NAFED	Seemanchal Atulya Makhana Fed Producer Company Limited	Purnea & Araria
4	NAFED	Koshi Atulya Makhana Fed Producer Company Limited	Saharsa, Supaul and Madhepura
5	NAFED	Makhana Super Fed Producer Company Limited	Saharsa
6	NABARD	Asarganj Agro Producer Company Limited	Munger
7	NABARD	Bochaha Krishak Producer Company Limited	Muzaffarpur
8	NCDC	Jai Mata Di Makhana Kisan Utpadak Sangathan Sahkari Samiti Ltd.	Darbhanga
9	SFAC	Kadwa Agribusiness Farmer Producer Company Limited	Katihar
10	SFAC	Mansahi Agribusiness Farmer Producer Company Limited	Katihar
11	SFAC	Palasi Agribusiness Farmer Producer Company Limited	Araria
12	NABARD	Bokhara Farmers Producer company limited	Sitamarhi
13	NABARD	Pupri Farmers Producer Company Limited	Sitamarhi
