

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2575
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND AUGUST, 2022

MEETING OF STATE AGRICULTURE MINISTERS

2575. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has hosted a meeting of all State Agriculture Ministers in Bengaluru in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the issues discussed in the aforesaid meeting;
- (c) whether the States have agreed to share best practices among regions;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard;
- (e) the suggestions made by various States to double farmers' income; and
- (f) the response of the Government to these suggestions?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (f): A National Conference of State Agriculture & Horticulture Ministers was hosted by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on 14-15 July, 2022 in Bengaluru. The following issues were discussed during the Conference:

- i. Awareness programme on fund release through Public Finance Management System (PFMS)
- ii. Digital Agriculture
- iii. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- iv. Natural Farming
- v. Marketing [Farmer Producer Organisations (FPO) and E-National Agri Marketing (e-NAM)]
- vi. Horticulture
- vii. Innovations in the New Age Fertilizers
- viii. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Yojna (PM-KISAN) Saturation
- ix. International Year of Millets
- x. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund
- xi. New Technologies by ICAR

The best practices adopted by some of the States were shared in the meeting, the details of which are given below:

S.No.	Name of the State	Topic
1.	Uttar Pradesh	New Age Fertilizer
2.	Maharashtra	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna(PMFBY)
3.	Nagaland	Natural Farming
4.	Tamil Nadu	Farmer Producer Organisation(FPO)
5.	Haryana	Horticulture
6.	Karnataka	Digital Agriculture
7.	Telangana	Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Yojna (PM-KISAN)
8.	Odisha	Millets
9.	Madhya Pradesh Andhra Pradesh	Agriculture Infra Fund (AIF)

Further, States were informed that the Government has adopted several developmental programmes, schemes, reforms and policies for achieving higher incomes for the farmers, which are implemented in close coordination with the State Governments. These include:

- (i) Formation and promotion of 10,000 FPOs along with necessary financial support under Atma Nirbhar Package (Agriculture),
- (ii) Special attention for creation of infrastructure through Agriculture Infrastructure Fund(AIF) with a size of Rs. 100,000 crore
- (iii) Supplementary income transfers under PM-KISAN,
- (iv) Crop insurance under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY),
- (v) Better access to irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY),
- (vi) Increase in Minimum Support Price (MSPs) for all Kharif & Rabi crops ensuring a minimum of 50 percent of profit margin on the cost of production,
- (vii) Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) offering production loan to even dairy & fishery farmers besides agricultural crops,
- (viii) National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), which aims to evolve and implement strategies to make Indian agriculture more resilient to the changing climate.
- (ix) Focus on application of digital technology at all stages of agricultural value chain.
- (x) Adoption of drone technologies in agriculture which has a potential to revolutionize the Indian agriculture.
- (xi) Benefits accruing under Bee-Keeping, Rashtriya Gokul Mission, Blue Revolution, Interest Subvention Scheme, agro-forestry, restructured bamboo mission, implementation of new generation watershed guidelines, etc
