

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2709
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND AUGUST, 2022

INCOME OF SMALL AND MEDIUM FARMERS

2709. SHRI RODMAL NAGAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has sought options to increase the income of small and medium farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take measures in this regard to provide marketing facilities to such farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Government had constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee in April, 2016 to examine issues relating to “Doubling of Farmers Income (DFI)” and recommend strategies to achieve the same. The Committee submitted their final report to the Government in September, 2018 containing the strategy for doubling of farmers’ income through various policies, reforms & programmes.

In line with the strategy of Government for increasing farmers’ income, as suggested by the DFI Committee, several developmental programmes, schemes, reforms and policies are implemented by Government, which have been able to augment income of farmers directly or indirectly. These schemes/programmes are implemented in close coordination with the State Governments. These include:

- (i) 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,

- (ii) Supplementary income transfers under PM-KISAN,
- (iii) Crop insurance under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY),
- (iv) Better access to irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY),
- (v) Special attention for creation of infrastructure through Agri Infrastructure Fund (AIF) with a size of Rs. 100,000 crore,
- (vi) New procurement policy under PM-AASHA in addition to FCI operations,
- (vii) Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) offering production loan to even dairy & fishery farmers besides agricultural crops,
- (viii) Formation and promotion of 10,000 FPOs,
- (ix) National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), which aims to evolve and implement strategies to make Indian agriculture more resilient to the changing climate.
- (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
- (xii) Focus on application of digital technology at all stages of agricultural value chain.

Further, Government launched the Central Sector Scheme for “Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)” in the year 2020, with a total budgetary outlay of Rs.6865 Crores. The scheme leverages economies of scale, reduction of cost of production and enhances farmers’ incomes thus playing a major role towards increasing the income of farmers.

The Government implements National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) Scheme which promotes better marketing opportunities for the farmers through e-NAM platform to sell their produce through online at remunerative prices through competitive and transparent price discovery system and online payment facility.
