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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 413
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH JULY, 2022

PRODUCTION OF SUNFLOWER

413. SHRI RANJEETSINGH HINDURAO NAIK NIMBALKAR:
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:
SHRI BALAK NATH:

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan for promoting the area and production of sunflower, an important oilseed crop, specially in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to have a separate mini-mission, seed availability, disease/pest control, market support and insurance support for sunflower?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NAREDNRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz., National Food Security Mission- Oilseeds & Oil palm (NFSM-OS&OP) from 2018-19 to augment the availability of edible oils by increasing the production and productivity of nine oilseed crops including sunflower and to reducing the import burden in the country. The NFSM-OS is being implemented in 28 States/ UTs including Maharashtra during 2022-23.

Under the NFSM- Oilseeds, incentives/ subsidies are being provided to the farmers through State Government for three broad interventions viz. (i) seed component covering purchase of breeder seeds , production of foundation seeds & certified seeds, distribution of certified seeds, distribution of seed minikits & seed hub (ii) production inputs component covering seed storage bins, Plant Protection (PP) equipments & seed treating drum, PP chemicals, distribution of gypsum/ pyrites/ lime etc., Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus/ bio agent, supply of bio-fertilizers, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, water carrying pipes, and (iii) transfer of technology component covering cluster/ block demonstrations,

Frontline Demonstrations, Cluster Frontline Demonstrations and training through National Agricultural Research System and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Integrated Pest Management through Farmer Field School (FFS) mode, training of farmers, training of officers/ extension workers, need based R&D project including seminar/ kisan mela and oil extraction unit under flexi funds.

Maharashtra State Government is also implementing a State Sponsored Special Action Programme with a provision of Rs. 50.00 crore for Productivity Enhancement and Value Chain Development of soybean and other oilseed crops including sunflower during 2022-23 to 2024-25. Organization of advance technology based demonstrations, value chain development, farmers field school, seed production, cleaning cum grading unit, oil extractor, publicity are the major interventions of the scheme.

In addition to the above, the following steps have also been taken for a separate mini-mission, seed availability, disease/pest control, market support and insurance support for sunflower:

- (i) The Government has approved a special project of Rs. 43.53 crore to the ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad to increase area and production of sunflower cultivation in the country through hybrid seed production and demonstration for three years from 2022-23 - 2024-25.
- (ii) Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) comprises Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficiency Payment Scheme (PDPS) and Pilot of Private Procurement and Stockist Scheme (PPSS). Under this, States/ UTs are offered to choose either PSS or PDPS in a given procurement season with respect to particular oilseeds crop for the entire State.
- (iii) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) provides for comprehensive risk insurance against crop damage from pre-sowing to post-harvest for food crops, oilseeds and commercial horticultural crops notified by the concerned State Government. Many State Governments are notifying sunflower under PMFBY.
