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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1211

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 2024

OBJECTIVES OF DIGITAL AGRICULTURE MISSION

1211. SHRI THARANIVENTHAN M S: SHRI MALAIYARASAN D:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Digital Agriculture Mission;
- (b) if so, the objectives of the mission and the technological tools being promoted under theMission;
- (c) the total funds allocated for the mission and the sectors targeted for digital transformation;
- (d) the number of farmers likely to be benefitted under this mission; and
- (e) the steps taken to enhance digital infrastructure and connectivity for farmers, especially in rural areas of Arani and Kallakurichi Constituencies of Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (e): The Government has approved the Digital Agriculture Mission on 2nd September, 2024 with an outlay of Rs. 2817 Crore. The Mission seeks to enable a robust digital agriculture ecosystem in the country for driving innovative farmer-centric digital solutions and making available timely and reliable crop-related information to all the farmers in the country. The Mission envisages the creation of Digital Public Infrastructure for Agriculture such as Agristack, Krishi Decision Support System, Comprehensive Soil Fertility & Profile Map and other IT initiatives undertaken by Central Government/State Governments. Agristack project is one of the major components of this Mission, which consists of three foundational registries or databases in the agriculture sector, i.e., the Farmers' Registry, Georeferenced village maps and the Crop Sown Registry, all created and maintained by the State Governments/ Union Territories. The Government is providing administrative and technical supports to the all the states including Tamil Nadu for implementation of the Mission and Tamil Nadu is using AgriStack data for extending scheme assistance to their farmers.