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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1220
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD DECEMBER, 2024

INADEQUATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER PM-KISHAN

1220. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

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

- (a) whether the Government acknowledge the concerns raised by the farmers regarding the insufficiency of the financial assistance provided under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to review and potentially increase the amount disbursed to ensure that it adequately covers the rising costs of farming inputs and the essential needs of farming families;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any surveys or consultations with farmers to assess the impact of the current financial support on their livelihoods and food security, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the measures that are being considered to adjust the PM-KISAN support to meet the needs of farmers, in light of inflation and the increased cost living; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes a timeline for a comprehensive review of the PMKISAN scheme to address these pressing issues faced by farmers across the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The PM-KISAN scheme is a central sector scheme launched in February 2019 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to supplement the financial needs of land-holding farmers. Under this scheme, the financial benefit of Rs 6,000/- per year in three equal instalments every four months is transferred into the bank accounts of farmers' families across the country through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. The PM-KISAN scheme is one of the largest DBT Schemes of the World.

A farmer-centric digital infrastructure has ensured the benefits of the scheme reach all the farmers across the country without any involvement of the middlemen. Maintaining absolute transparency in registering and verifying beneficiaries, the Government of India

has disbursed over Rs 3.46 lakh Cr in 18 instalments, so far. No proposal is under consideration to increase the financial assistance in the PM-KISAN Scheme.

The funds disbursed under the PM-KISAN have acted as a catalyst in rural economic growth, aided in alleviating the credit constraints of farmers, and increased investments in agricultural inputs. The scheme has enhanced farmers' risk-taking capacity, leading them to undertake riskier but comparatively productive investments.

According to a study conducted by IFPRI, (International Food and Policy Research Institute), the funds received by recipients under PM-KISAN are not only helping them with their agricultural needs, but it is also catering to their other expenses such as education, medical, marriage, etc. These are the indicators of the positive impact of the scheme on the farmers of the country. PM KISAN has truly been a game changer for the farming community of our country.

(d) & (e): No proposal is under consideration.
