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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1292
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 2024

SURVEY ON FARMERS LIVING BELOW THE POVERTY LINE

1292. SMT. MANJU SHARMA:
SHRI DEVESH CHANDRA THAKUR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the number of farmers including marginal farmers living below the poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any welfare scheme for such poor and marginal farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of farmers benefitted from the said special/welfare schemes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b): No specific survey has been conducted to assess the number of farmers including marginal farmers living below the poverty line.

(c) to (e): The Government of India has implemented various welfare schemes for farmers, with a special focus on supporting poor and marginal farmers under the broader framework of agricultural development in the country. These schemes are specifically designed to address the economic challenges faced by poor and marginal farmers and to improve their livelihoods.

Major welfare schemes for farmers including marginal and poor farmers include:

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN): This scheme provides direct financial assistance to the agricultural land holding family farmers to supplement their income. Under the scheme, about Rs 20,000 Crore has been disbursed to around 9.58 Crore farmers in 18th instalment in October, 2024. So far, more than Rs.3.46 lakh Crore has been disbursed.

2. PM Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY): PMFBY was launched to ensure comprehensive risk cover for crops to farmers against all non-preventable natural risks from pre-sowing to post-harvest and to provide adequate claim amount. In past 8 Years of implementation – 68.85 crore farmer applications enrolled and over 18.65 crore farmer applicants have received claims of over Rs. 1,65,966/- crore.

3. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY): A pension scheme aimed at providing financial security to small and marginal farmers. Since the inception of the scheme, over 23.41 lacs small and marginal farmers have joined the PM-KMY scheme.
4. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS): The Interest Subvention Scheme (ISS) provides concessional short term agri-loans to the farmers practicing crop husbandry and other allied activities like animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries.
5. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF): AIF was launched under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package with a vision to transform the agriculture infrastructure landscape of the country. AIF is a medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and credit guarantee support. Till 19-11-2024, Rs. 51,239/- Crore has been sanctioned by banks under the scheme for setting up 83,763 projects.
6. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY): A scheme aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity and farmers' welfare through state-specific projects.
7. Market Intervention Scheme and Price Support Scheme (MIS-PSS): The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of a bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels and cost of production.
8. National Agriculture Market (e-NAM): An online trading platform that allows farmers to sell their produce directly to buyers, eliminating middlemen.

The Government remains committed to improving the livelihoods of marginal and poor farmers through these and other welfare measures.
