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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 2024

ISSUES FACED BY AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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

- (a) whether the Government recognises the need to reduce disguised unemployment, increase crop diversification, and enhance overall efficiency in the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the efforts made/being made by the Government to strike a balance between incentivizing farmers to increase production and keeping food prices within acceptable limits?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Even though Agriculture is a State subject, Government of India formulates new schemes from time to time based on felt needs. While doing so, to reduce disguised unemployment in Agriculture and provide impetus to promote self employment through farm based economic activities have been provided through introduction of schemes like Agri-Accelerator Fund, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund and Farmer Producers Organisation (FPOs).

Other Schemes of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare are introduced by Government of India in order to reorient the agriculture sector by enhancing productivity, reducing cost of cultivation and ensuring remunerative returns to farmers.

In this exercise, Government of India and associated Ministries are considered to be stake holders with Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare leading the group. This group is categorized as Agri and Allied Sector. Each Ministry of this group has schemes being operated to address remunerative returns to the beneficiaries, majority of whom are farmers.

While all the schemes of M/o Agriculture and Farmers Welfare are aimed at enhancing overall efficiency of Agriculture Sector, Crop Diversification Programme (CDP), a sub-scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) (since 2013-14) is aimed to divert the area of water intensive paddy crop to alternative crops like pulses, oilseeds, coarse cereals, nutri cereals, cotton etc.

Diversified production of crops such as pulses, coarse cereals, nutria cereals, cotton & oil seeds are also promoted under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and horticultural crops under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

Apart from above, to boost overall efficiency, the government focuses on modernization and sustainable practices through post harvest management, investments in cold storage, food processing, better transportation infrastructure, research and development, export promotion of Agriculture product and promoting mechanization and modern equipment etc.

Major schemes/programmes initiated by DA&FW to enhance overall efficiency in the agriculture sector and increase income of farmers are as under :

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Kisan MaanDhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- 4) Interest Subvention Scheme (ISS)
- 5) Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
- 6) Formation and Promotion of Farmers Producers Organizations
- 7) Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
- 8) Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
- 9) Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
- 10) Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)
- 11) Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
- 12) National Food Security Mission (NFSM)
- 13) Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM)
- 14) Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
- 15) Soil Health Card (SHC)
- 16) Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
- 17) Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)
- 18) National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
- 19) National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oilseeds
- 20) Market Intervention Scheme and Price support Scheme (MIS-PSS)
- 21) National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
- 22) Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region

A list of major schemes/programmes run by other Ministries for employment generation and overall efficiency in agriculture and allied sector which are available on the website of concerned Ministries are as under:

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY)
- 2) National Skill Development Mission (NSDM)
- 3) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)
- 4) National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)
- 5) Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Programs
- 6) Rashtriya Gokul Mission
- 7) National Livestock Mission
- 8) Blue Revolution with multi-dimensional activities mainly focusing on fisheries production, both inland and marine
