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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2199
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Millet Survey

2199. Shri Azad Kirti Jha:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any millet survey is being undertaken/planned to be conducted by the Government for assessing the impact of millet inclusion on the nutritional intake and health outcomes of beneficiaries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the millets have been included under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of all States/UTs that have proposed and included millets in their Annual Work Plan and Budget?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): No Sir

(c) to (e) Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) is one of the foremost rights based Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented in partnership with the States and UTs. The overall responsibility for providing hot cooked and nutritious meal to the eligible children lies with the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The States and UTs fix their menu as per their local needs, in order to meet the prescribed nutritional content. The U.N. General Assembly declared 2023 as the “International Year of Millets”. Accordingly, advisories were issued to States and UTs, to create awareness on the health benefits of millets through various identified activities viz., debate competition, rallies, nukkad natak, Special

School Management Committee (SMC) meetings and Special Programmes on the use of Shree Anna on Swayam Prabha Channels etc.

All State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are advised to explore the possibility of introducing millets (Shree Anna) based recipe at least once in a week. It is suggested to conduct cooking competitions amongst Cook-cum-Helpers to popularize millet based recipes. Accordingly, many States and UTs have conducted cooking competitions at State/district level among Cook-cum-Helpers working under the scheme for promoting millet-based recipes. It is also suggested to prepare small videos for creating awareness about goodness of millets and showcase them in schools and consumption of millets may be discussed during the School Management Committee (SMC) meetings and the Parent Teachers Meetings.

All the States/UTs were also advised to include requirement of millets in their Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWP&B). Many States are providing millets as an additional food item, e.g. States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana are providing Ragi Java as an additional millet food items.
