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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3480
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH DECEMBER, 2024

EXCLUSION OF KHARIF CROPS FROM PMFBY

3480. MS. PRANITI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has excluded Kharif crops from the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in the State of Maharashtra for the period 2023-28;
- (b) if so, the reasons for such exclusion and the steps being taken to reinstate coverage for Kharif crops under the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government maintains data on the number of farmers affected due to the exclusion of Kharif crops from PMFBY in the State of Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the district-wise details of such farmers and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of the alternative mechanisms which have been proposed to provide financial protection to farmers cultivating Kharif crops in the State of Maharashtra; and
- (f) whether the Government plans to revise or expand the coverage of PMFBY to ensure inclusivity for all crop types in the Maharashtra and if so, the timeline for implementation?

ANSWER

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

(a): No Sir. The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) envisages coverage of all food crops (cereals, millets and pulses), oilseeds and commercial/horticultural crops subject to availability of past yield data of requisite number of years based on Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) as well as capacity of the State Government to conduct requisite number of CCEs to assess the yield of the crop to calculate claims. However, specific crop is notified by the concerned State Government in every season keeping in view the aforesaid provision. For the crops not meeting the aforesaid conditions, the concerned State Government is free to notify them for coverage under Restructured Weather Based

Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) under which claims payment are being structured on the basis of weather index parameters. The current tender cycle is till Rabi 2025-26. In Kharif 2024, all crops which were covered in Kharif 2023 have also been notified by State Government and no crop has been left out under PMFBY. Details of crops notified under PMFBY and RWBCIS for Kharif 2024 by the Maharashtra State Government are as under:

(i) Black Gram (Urad), (ii) Cotton (Kapas), (iii) Finger millet (Ragi/Mandika), (iv) Green Gram (Moong), (v) Groundnut (Pea Nut), (vi) Maize (Makka), (vii) Niger (Ramtil), (viii) Onion, (ix) Paddy (Dhan), (x) Pearl Millet (Bajra), (xi) Pigeon Pea (Red Gram/Arhar/Tur), (xii) Sesame (Gingelly/Til)/Sesamum, (xiii) Sorghum (Jowar/Great Millet) and (xiv) Soybean (Bhat).

(b) to (f): Do not arise.
