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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH DECEMBER, 2024

DOUBLING THE INCOME OF FARMERS

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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 has formulated any policies with the aim of doubling the income of farmers;
- (b) if so, the details of policies adopted and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the time by which the farmers in the country expect their incomes to be doubled, given that the Government had promised to double farmers' incomes by 2022; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate support for essential agri-infrastructure such as storage facilities, to prevent the estimated 22% foodgrain wastage?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री

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(a) to (c) : Agriculture being a State Subject, the State Governments take appropriate measures for development of agriculture in the State. However, Government of India supports the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures, budgetary allocation and various schemes/ programmes. The various schemes/ programmes of the Government of India are meant for the welfare of farmers by increasing production, remunerative returns and income support to farmers. Strategies for increasing farmer incomes include improving crop productivity, reducing cost of production, agricultural diversification, adaptation to climate change for sustainable agriculture and compensation of farmers' losses.

Various reforms and policies focus on higher income for farmers by modernizing and rationalizing use of inputs, to decrease cost, increasing production, remunerative returns, income support, old age security, etc. The Government has substantially enhanced the budget allocation of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare(DA&FW) from Rs. 21933.50 crore during 2013-14 to Rs. 122528.77 crore in 2024-25. List of various programmes/schemes run by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is at **Annexure.**

Indian Council on Agricultural Research (ICAR) has released a compilation of **success stories of 75,000 farmers** who have increased their income more than two times by convergence of schemes being operated by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and the allied Ministries/Departments.

(d): To address the existing infrastructure gaps and mobilize investment in agriculture infrastructure, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) was launched to transform the agriculture infrastructure. AIF is a medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management infrastructure and viable farming assets, through interest subvention and credit guarantee support. Union Cabinet approved the progressive expansion of AIF on 28.8.2024 by expanding the scope of eligible projects. This includes allowing individual eligible beneficiaries for creation of infrastructure covered under 'viable projects for building community farming assets', integrated processing projects & convergence of PM Kusum 'A'. Key projects approved under AIF are 18,606 Custom Hiring Centres, 16,276 Primary Processing Units, 13,724 Warehouses, 3,102 Sorting and Grading Units, 1,909 Cold Storage Projects and around 21,394 other types of post-harvest management projects and community agricultural assets.

Major schemes/programmes initiated by DA&FW

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan MaanDhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
3. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/ Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
4. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
5. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
6. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs)
7. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
8. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE)
9. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
10. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
11. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
12. Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)
13. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
14. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
15. Digital Agriculture Mission
16. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM) - National Agriculture Market (ISAM-eNAM)
17. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM) - Others (ISAM-Others)
18. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
19. Soil Health Card (SHC)
20. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
21. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
22. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oilseeds
23. National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
24. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region
25. Agroforestry
26. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
27. National Bamboo Mission
