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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3654

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH DECEMBER, 2024

STEPS TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE FARMING AND ORGANIC FARMING

3654. SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote sustainable farming, organic farming and reduce the use of pesticide inputs and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has initiated any policies in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures for better market access and fair prices for agricultural produce in Gujarat and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether any proposal has been or is being taken by the Government to enhance the income and livelihoods of farmers in Gujarat and if so, the details thereof, State/District-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Government is implementing Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) in all the States/UTs and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) to promote sustainable & organic farming. The schemes stress on end-to-end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification & marketing and post-harvest management. Training and Capacity Building are integral part of the scheme. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is encouraged eco-friendly approach, which is an encompassing cultural, mechanical, biological and need based chemical control measures. Central Integrated Pest Management Centres located in 28 States and 2 UTs train farmers on IPM. Various activities are conducted to impart training on plant protection measures, such as farmer field schools, seed treatment campaigns and safe and judicious use of pesticides awareness programs etc. to treat the borne disease and for healthy crops.

(c): Rs 15.72 crore has been provided to the state of Gujarat under PKVY since 2015-16, including the assistance for branding, publicity, exhibitions, trade fairs, and other marketing initiatives to support the direct purchase of organic products from farmers. A dedicated web portal has been created for direct marketing of organic produce by the farmers to get better prices.

(d): Agriculture being a State Subject, the State Governments take appropriate measures for development of agriculture. Government of India supplements the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures, budgetary support and various schemes/programmes. The various schemes/programmes are meant to support States, including Gujarat, for the welfare of farmers by increasing production, remunerative returns and income support to farmers. Central Sector & Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Ministry are operational in Gujarat. District-wise details of schemes and the component therein are not maintained centrally. Government of Gujarat has informed that the scheme "National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture- Rain-fed Area Development" is implemented from this year to train farmers.
