

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 114**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FARMERS**

\*114. THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

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

- (a) whether the Government has increased the financial support provided to farmers in the country, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of the difficulties being faced by the farmers due to mounting debts and crop loss leading them to commit suicide; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the farmers crisis and safeguard their lives?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.114 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 REGARDING 'FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO FARMERS'.**

(a) to (c): Agriculture is a State subject and 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. The Government has substantially enhanced the budget allocation of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare(DA&FW) from Rs. 21933.50 crore BE during 2013-14 to Rs. 1,22,528.77 crores BE during 2024-25.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) was launched in 2016 in order to provide a simple and affordable crop insurance product to ensure comprehensive risk cover for crops to farmers against all non-preventable natural risks from pre-sowing to post-harvest and to provide adequate claim amount. The scheme is demand driven and available for all farmers. Based upon the number of applications of insured farmers, it is the largest crop insurance schemes in the world.

Brief of some major schemes/programmes initiated by DA&FW to enhance overall income of farmers and remunerative returns in the agriculture sector is **annexed**.

## Annexure

| S No  | Name of the Scheme  | Purpose  |
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| <b>Central Sector Schemes</b>   |   |  |
| 1.  | PM KISAN Samman Nidhi                                     | PM KISAN Samman Nidhi Scheme has been launched in 2019 with the sole objective to enhance the income of farmers owning small landholdings. This scheme provides Rs. 6000 per year in 3 equal instalments. So far, more than Rs.3.46 lakh Cr. has been disbursed to eligible farmers through 18 instalments   |
| 2.  | Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)                     | <p>Agriculture Infrastructure Fund is a medium - long term debt financing facility for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and credit guarantee support.</p> <p>Under the scheme, Rs. 1 Lakh Crore will be provided by banks and financial institutions as loans with interest subvention of 3% per annum and credit guarantee coverage under CGTMSE for loans up to Rs. 2 Crores. Further, each entity is eligible to get the benefit of the scheme for up to 25 projects located in different LGD codes.</p> |
| 3.  | Formation & Promotion of new 10,000 FPOs                  | The Government of India launched the Central Sector Scheme (CSS) for "Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)" in the year 2020. The scheme has a total budgetary outlay of Rs.6865 crores. Formation & promotion of FPOs are to be done through Implementing Agencies (IAs), which further engage Cluster Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) to form & provide professional handholding support to FPOs for a period of 5 years  |
| 4.  | Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM AASHA) | Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan) scheme ensures remunerative prices for farmers' produce and prevent distress sales. It aims to strengthen the Minimum Support Price (MSP) mechanism and provide better price support for farmers.  |
| <b>Centrally Sponsored Schemes:</b>   |   |  |
| <p>(a) Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&amp;FW) implements two umbrella schemes namely Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) and Krishonnati Yojana (KY). RKVY is to promote sustainable agriculture while KY is to address food security and agricultural self-sufficiency. The components of RKVY AND KY are as under:</p> |   |  |
| <b>Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana:</b>   |   |  |
| i. Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- Detailed Project Report based schemes (RKVY-DPR)   |   |  |
| ii. Soil Health & Fertility (SHF)   |   |  |

- iii. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
- iv. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
- v. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP),
- vi. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
- vii. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
- viii. Agro-forestry

**Krishonnati Yojana**

- i. National Food Security & Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
- ii. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
- iii. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Seeds
- iv. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
- v. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM)
- vi. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region
- vii. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
- viii. Digital Agriculture

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|  | <p><b>(b).</b> National Mission on Natural Farming</p> | <p>Government of India has launched the National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) to promote natural farming in mission mode across the country as a standalone Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Farmers' Welfare.</p> |
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