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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1199
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025

FARMERS' SUICIDE

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are large number of cases of farmers' suicides during the last fifteen years, if so, the details of the number of suicides, State and year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has investigated the reason for taking such extreme steps by the farmers;
- (c) if so, whether the Government policies are responsible for such suicides and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that recent activities of corporate hijack to agricultural produce causing farmers not getting rate for the produce; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs compiles and disseminates information on suicides in its publication titled 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' (ADSI). The report till 2022 is available on NCRB website (<https://ncrb.gov.in>). In the ADSI Reports 2020, 2021 and 2022, separate reasons for farmers' suicide have not been given.

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 crore BE during 2024-25. Major schemes/ programmes initiated by DA&FW to enhance overall income of farmers and remunerative returns in the agriculture sector are as under:

1. Pradhan MantriKisanSammanNidhi (PM-KISAN)
2. Pradhan MantriKisanMaanDhanYojana (PM-KMY)
3. Pradhan MantriFasalBimaYojana (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 new Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)
7. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
8. Namo Drone Didi
9. Pradhan MantriAnnadataAaySanraksHanAbhiyan (PM-AASHA)
10. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE)
11. National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
12. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
13. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
14. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
15. Soil Health & Fertility (SH&F)
16. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
17. Agroforestry
18. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
19. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
20. Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)
21. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
22. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM)
23. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
24. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
25. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oilseeds
26. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region
27. Digital Agriculture Mission
28. National Bamboo Mission

e-NAM Portal has been launched by government with the sole objective to get the farmers fair price of their produce. The Government has integrated 1410 mandis with e-NAM since inception across 23 States & 4 UTs. As on 31st December 2024, 1.79 crore Farmers & 2.63 Lakh traders have been registered on e-NAM portal. Total volume of 11.02 Crore Metric Ton & 42.89 Crore numbers (bamboo, betel leaves, coconut, lemon & sweet corn) collectively worth approximately Rs. 4.01 lakh crore of trade has been recorded on e-NAM platform.

Government has increased the MSP for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops with a return of at least 50 per cent over all India weighted average cost of production from 2018-19. MSP for Paddy (common) has increased to Rs. 2300 per quintal in 2023-24 from Rs. 1310 per quintal in 2013-14. MSP for Wheat has been increased from Rs. 1400 per quintal in 2013-14 to Rs. 2425 per quintal in 2023-24.

A new Central Sector Scheme for Formation & Promotion of new 10,000 FPOs with budget outlay of Rs 6,865 Crore till 2027-28 has been launched on 29th February, 2020. FPOs are being set up to give farmers collective bargaining power in markets as well as enabling small farmers to pool resources, access technology, and get better prices for their crops. As on 31.12.2024, approximately 9,268 no. of FPOs has been registered under new FPO scheme. Equity Grant of Rs. 254.4 Crore has been released to 4,761 FPOs. Credit Guarantee Cover worth Rs. 453.0 Cr. issued to 1,900 FPO.

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. During the year 2023-24, a quantity of 21,35,125.54 MT of oilseeds, pulses & copra procured having MSP Value of Rs. 14,226.46 crore benefiting 9,57,336 farmers. Further, during cropping season 2024-25 as on (06.01.2025), a quantity of 22,98,842.72 MT of oilseeds, pulses & copra has been procured having MSP value of Rs. 14,074.53 crore and benefiting 9,48,383 farmers.
