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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO .2012
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th MARCH, 2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UPAVEDH SCHOOL AT NHRDF

2012 . Shri Rajabhau Parag Prakash Waje :

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

- (a) whether the Government will consider establishing an Upavedh School at National Horticulture Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF) center in Chitegaon, Nashik, to provide real-time weather forecasts and climate-resilient crop research for local farmers, particularly those cultivating grapes, onions and pomegranates;
- (b) if so, the details of steps those are being planned to approve and fund this initiative under central schemes such as National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) to help Nashik's farmers better prepare for climate-related challenges;
- (c) the manner in which the Government ensure that Chitegaon center is equipped with advanced weather monitoring instruments and data analytics for improving forecast accuracy and minimizing crop damage; and
- (d) whether any timeline has been set for establishing this facility, considering urgent need for climate resilience support for farmers in Nashik and North Maharashtra?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d) : At present, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) has no proposal for establishing Upavedh School at National Horticulture Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF) center in Chitegaon, Nashik. However, selection of districts under National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) was performed using Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) protocol.

In Maharashtra, 2 districts viz, Nanded and Beed were considered as 'very high risk and 11 districts viz., Nandurbar, Akola, Washim, Wardha, Chandrapur, Hingoli, Parbhani, Jalna, Ahmednagar, Latur, and Osmanabad fall under "high' risk category. Among these, adaptation efforts have been underway in six districts viz., Ahmednagar, Beed, Jalna, Latur, Nandurbar and Osmanabad.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is conducting research at its various crops specific institutes for development of climate resilient technologies/varieties for horticulture crops including grapes, onions and pomegranate suitable for various regions of the country including Nashik.

Further, NHRDF is implementing programmes under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) relating to development of vegetables including production & supply of quality seeds of onion and garlic.
