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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 232**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025

**EXPANSION UNDER PM-KISAN**

\*232. THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand the coverage and quantum of financial support under the PM-KISAN scheme in line with Tamil Nadu's successful direct benefit transfer (DBT) model that ensures seamless credit to marginal farmers;

(b) whether the Government is aware that in regions like Anaicut, K.V. Kuppam, Vaniyambadi, Ambur and Gudiyatham in Vellore, several tenant and sharecropping farmers remain outside PMKISAN due to landholding norms, if so, the details thereof;

(c) if so, whether any steps are being taken to include such farmers in welfare schemes; and

(d) whether the Union Government will consider replicating Tamil Nadu's "Uzhavan App" model to provide real-time weather, market and advisory data?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT MADE IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 232 REGARDING EXPANSION UNDER PM-KISAN RAISED BY THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND, MP DUE FOR REPLY ON 05<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025.**

(a) to (c): The PM-KISAN scheme is a central sector scheme launched in February 2019 by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to supplement the financial needs of farmers with cultivable land-holding. Under the scheme, a financial benefit of Rs 6,000/- per year is transferred in three equal instalments, into the Aadhaar seeded bank accounts of farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

A farmer-centric digital infrastructure has ensured that the benefits of the scheme reach all eligible farmers across the country without involvement of any intermediaries. Maintaining absolute transparency in registering and verifying beneficiaries, as on 04.08.2025, the Government of India has disbursed over Rs 3.90 lakh Cr to farmers in 20 installments since inception of the Scheme.

Benefits of the PM-KISAN scheme are transferred to the beneficiaries through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode, based on the verified data received from the States/UTs on the PM-KISAN portal. To ease the registration process for farmers and bring in transparency and efficiency in implementation of the Scheme, several technological interventions were introduced, including integration with PFMS, UIDAI, and the Income Tax Department. Further, land seeding was made mandatory along with Aadhaar based payment and e-KYC. Implementation of Aadhaar based payment has ensured that the benefit of the Scheme are transferred to the Aadhaar seeded account of the beneficiary. It has replaced account based payment which were prone to data entry errors and to changes in account details due to bank mergers. These interventions under PM-KISAN ensure seamless credit of Scheme benefits to beneficiaries.

Currently, there is no proposal under consideration to expand the coverage and quantum of financial support under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme. Further, ownership of cultivable landholding remains the primary criteria to avail benefits under the Scheme.

(d): Currently, there is no proposal under consideration. However, the Government is implementing the Kisan Call Centre scheme to provide comprehensive support to farmers by addressing their inquiries and providing advisory related to various aspects such as the Package of Practices, weather updates, market advisories, and government schemes, via telephonic communication in their preferred languages. These Call Centres operate from strategic locations throughout the country, ensuring coverage across all States and Union Territories.

A dedicated common eleven-digit Toll-Free Number, 1800-180-1551, has been established for the Kisan Call Centre. This number is accessible through both mobile phones and landlines. The agents at the Kisan Call Centre, known as Farm Tele Advisors (FTAs), are equipped with relevant academic qualifications, thereby enabling them to respond effectively to farmers' queries and advise them in regional languages.

Moreover, to disseminate tailored pest management advisories for major crops, the Government launched the National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS). This initiative aims to enhance the surveillance and management of pest-related diseases in real time, utilizing a mobile application alongside a web portal designed for the benefit of farmers nationwide.

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