GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 282 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND JULY, 2025

DIFFICULTIES FACED BY FARMERS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF THEIR PRODUCE

282. SHRI MANI A:

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

- (a) whether farmers face lot of difficulties to carry their produce to markets;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to tackle the issue of transportation in rural areas of Tamil Nadu for the farmers to carry their produce to the main markets to get the best price for their output;
- (c) the details of alternatives the Government is looking forward to so that the farmers can carry their produce easily to the main markets for higher profits; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take any steps for doubling the income of the farmers across the country including Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c): Agriculture and agricultural marketing is a state subject. However, in order to address transportation issue of farmers to transport their produce to main market, government is working with the states including Tamil Nadu to provide market closer to their farm-gate/villages through development of alternative marketing channel like farmer-consumer market, direct purchase by processors/exporters/other bulk buyers, promoting Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) for aggregation & collective marketing, selling through National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) via Farm-gate App, etc.
- (d): Government is working on 6-point strategy to improve the farmers' socio-economic status i.e. to increase production, reduce cost of production, compensating crop losses, ensuring fair prices, promoting crop diversification and advancing natural/organic farming. Major schemes/programmes initiated by Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to enhance overall income of farmers and remunerative returns in the agriculture sector are as under:
- i. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- ii. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
- iii. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/ Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
- iv. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
- v. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

- vi. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)
- vii. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
- viii. Namo Drone Didi
- ix. National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
- x. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
- xi. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE)
- xii. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
- xiii. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
- xiv. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
- xv. Soil Health & Fertility (SH&F)
- xvi. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
- xvii. Agroforestry
- xviii. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
- xix. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SAME)
- xx. Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)
- xxi. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
- xxii. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM)
- xxiii. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
- xxiv. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
- xxv. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oilseeds
- xxvi. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region
- xxvii. Digital Agriculture Mission
- xxviii. National Bamboo Mission
