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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 387
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2025

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF PM-KISAN

387. SHRI MUKESHKUMAR CHANDRAKAANT DALAL:

Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details on the total number of beneficiaries and the amount disbursement of the 19th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme;
- (b) the eligibility criteria for farmers to receive benefits under the PM-KISAN scheme, and the steps taken to ensure that all eligible farmers are included;
- (c) the measures implemented to facilitate this process for farmers to complete the mandatory e-KYC (electronic Know Your Customer) to continue receiving benefits under the scheme; and
- (d) the mechanisms in place for beneficiaries to check their payment status and resolve any issues related to non-receipt of funds 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) & (b): 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 cultivable land-holding farmers. 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. Under the PM-KISAN Scheme, cultivable landholding is primary eligibility criteria to receive benefit of the Scheme subject to some certain exclusions relating to higher income status.

The Government of India has disbursed over Rs 3.69 lakh Cr to farmers in 19 installments since inception. The 19th instalment of the PM-Kisan Scheme was released on 24th February, 2025 and more than 10 Crore beneficiaries received its benefit amounting to over Rs. 23,000 Crore.

In order to ensure that no eligible farmers are left out from the Scheme, the Government of India often undertakes saturation drives in coordination with the State Governments. A major nationwide saturation drive was undertaken from 15th November 2023 under the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra (VBSY), during which, more than 1.0 Cr. farmers were included under PM-KISAN. Further, under the new Government's 100 days initiative, around 25 lakh more eligible farmers were added under the PM-KISAN scheme. Additionally, a special drive was conducted from September 2024 to clear the pending self-registration cases. Since the beginning of the drive, over 30 lakh pending self-registration cases have been approved by the States/UTs so far. As a result of these campaigns, more than 10 crore farmers received the benefits of 19th instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme.

(c) & (d): A dedicated 'Farmers Corner' has been provided on the PM-KISAN portal where a number of facilities have been provided to farmers including checking their beneficiary status and instalment payment details. There is an additional functionality i.e. Know Your Status, provided on the portal for the farmers to check their eligibility and payment status. Farmers can also visit their local Common Service Center where they can get their beneficiary status and instalment payment details checked.

PM-KISAN Scheme has a robust grievance redressal mechanism to resolve any issues including issues related to non-receipt of funds. There is a dedicated grievance module on the PM-KISAN Portal for raising grievances by the farmers. These grievances are addressed by the State/District level officials in a time bound manner. Apart from the PM-KISAN grievance module, farmers can also register their grievances through Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) Portal.

Further, considering the large beneficiary base of the scheme, to promptly address the general queries and grievances raised by the beneficiaries, a voice-based PM-KISAN AI Chatbot (Kisan e-Mitra) was developed. This Chatbot provides quick, accurate, and clear responses to farmers' queries round the clock in their native languages, making the system more accessible and user-friendly. It is accessible on all platforms such as web, mobile, etc. The Kisan eMitra Chatbot currently operates in 11 languages—English, Hindi, Odia, Tamil, Bengali, Malayalam, Gujarati, Punjabi, Kannada, Telugu, and Marathi.