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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 678
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03RD FEBRUARY, 2026

SURVEY ON CONDITION OF FARMERS AFFECTED BY DROUGHTS

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

- (a) whether any recent survey or assessment has been conducted on the condition of farmers affected by drought deficient rainfall and water scarcity in the Banda and Chitrakoot districts of Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any special schemes have been introduced for the expansion of irrigation facilities, crop diversification, and promotion of coarse grains and natural farming in the said area, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any proposal is under consideration for providing a special package or assistance to farmers of the Banda Chitrakoot areas and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the potential impact of these measures on farmers income agricultural productivity and the rural economy in the region; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): As informed by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, in case of drought, heavy rainfall or any other natural calamities, a survey of farms is done by the State Department of Agriculture and State Department of Revenue. Thereafter, as per Government orders and established procedure, farmers are provided with relief or those farmers covered under PMFBY are assisted accordingly. There is no situation of drought in either Banda or Chitrakoot.

(b) to (e): The Government of India launched "Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)" in Financial Year 2015-16 with an aim to enhance physical access of water on farm and expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, improve on farm water use efficiency, introduce sustainable water conservation practices etc. Har Khet Ko Pani (HKKP) is one of the components of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). The scheme of Surface Minor Irrigation (SMI) and Repair, Renovation & Restoration (RRR) of Water Bodies has now become a part of PMKSY-HKKP. DoWR, RD&GR under Ministry of Jal Shakti provides Central Assistance (CA) to States for creation and restoration of Irrigation Potential (I.P.) under the SMI and RRR of Water Bodies schemes.

Further, continuation of PMKSY-HKKP for the FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 has been approved by Union Cabinet in Dec, 2021 with a budget outlay of Rs. 4580 crores and targeted irrigation potential of 4.50 lakh-ha for SMI and RRR of WBs schemes. Subsequently, in January 2025, the Department of Expenditure (DoE), Ministry of Finance, conveyed the allocation of an additional Rs. 900 crores for the SMI and RRR of Water Bodies components under the PMKSY-HKKP.

To increase the farmers income, agricultural productivity and the rural economy, Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana is being operated in both the districts of Banda and Chitrakoot. State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh is implementing National Food Security & Nutrition Mission (NFSNM) - Coarse Cereals and NFSNM -Nutri Cereals in Banda and Chitrakoot Districts of UP.
