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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1370
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2024

INCOME OF RICE FARMERS OF ANDHRA PRADESH

1370. DR. BYREDDY SHABARI:

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

(a) whether the Government has data regarding the steps taken for increasing the income of rice farmers of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has data regarding the production of Masuri rice during the last five years and if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the Government recognizes Panyam as a significant region for nurseries and the potential for further development in this sector; and

(d) if so, the details of opportunities for Government subsidies, investments and modern implementations to support and enhance the nursery industry in Panyam?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) The Government is implementing National Food Security Mission-Rice (NFSM-Rice) programme. One of the objectives of the programme is enhancing farm level economy (i.e. farm profits) to restore confidence amongst the farmers. At present, the NFSM-Rice programme is being implemented in 194 identified districts of 25 States including 5 districts of Andhra Pradesh.

Under NFSM-Rice programme, latest crop production and protection technologies are being promoted through Cluster Front Line Demonstrations/ cropping system based demonstrations at farmer's field including newly released varieties/ hybrids, stress tolerant/climate resilient varieties & bio-fortified varieties of paddy. Focus is also given on INM & IPM techniques, promotion of water saving devices for efficient utilization of water, improved farm implements/tools for cultural operations and capacity building of farmers.

Under capacity building of farmers, the trainings on crop production techniques and awareness is given under NFSM-Rice programme. The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare also provides flexibility to the states for state specific needs/priorities under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

(b) Separate production data of Masuri Rice is not maintained by Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare but the production of Masuri Rice for last 5 years as reported by Government of Andhra Pradesh is as under:

Production of Masuri Rice in Lakh Metric Tones				
2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
39.98	38.88	35.08	41.76	24.79

(c) to (d): The Panyam Mandal, Nandhyal district of Andhra Pradesh has a good potential for horticulture and floricultural nurseries and majority rice farmers in the region are supplementing their incomes through these Nurseries. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. All States and UTs are covered under MIDH. For production and distribution of good quality seeds and planting material of cost intensive fruit crops, assistance is provided under MIDH for setting up new hi-tech nurseries, small nurseries, Tissue Culture (TC) units and upgradation of existing TC units.
