

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5243
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH MARCH, 2018

PROBLEMS OF FARMERS

5243. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ऋãðŠããÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ããããè be pleased to state:

- whether the Government is aware of the fact that farmers are facing problems and hardships in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- if so, whether the Government has taken measures to identify the major problems of agriculturists in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to resolve these problems;
- whether quality seeds are out of reach of majority of farmers, especially small and marginal farmers mainly because of their exorbitant prices and if so, the details thereof;
- the concrete measures taken to provide good quality seeds to small and marginal farmers at fair prices; and
- the average holding of farmers in the country, State/UT-wise along with action taken to educate small farmers about the benefits of co-operative farming in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Agrarian distress is manifest from the unfortunate incidents of suicides from various part of the country. This can be addressed by enabling the farmers to increase their income. To achieve this, the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is realigning its interventions to focus on income of farmers in addition to making production better. For this purpose, the Department is implementing various schemes to meet this objective viz. Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme, Neem Coated Urea, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), National Agriculture Market Scheme (e-NAM), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Interest Subvention Scheme etc.

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(c) & (d): No, Madam, as reported by the States, 419.41 lakh qtl. certified/ quality seeds are available against the requirement of 371.38 lakh qtl. in the country during the 2017-18.

The Govt. of India is assisting the State Governments and other seed producing agencies for seed related activities through various ongoing schemes/programmes of the Department including National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Material (SMSP) under National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (NMAET) etc. for supply of seeds to the all the farmers including small and marginal farmers at subsidized prices and details are at **Annexure-I**.

(e): Agriculture Census in India is conducted at five yearly intervals to collect data on various structural characteristics of operational Holdings (defined as "All land which is used wholly or partly for agricultural production and is operated as one technical unit by one person alone or with others without regard to the title, legal form, size or location") in the country. As per the latest published results of Agriculture 2010-11, average size of operational holdings for various State/ UTs and in the country is at **Annexure-II**.

The Government runs capacity building programmes for personnel of the cooperative sector under schemes such as, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

Further, Government has been laying special emphasis on dissemination of information and knowledge transfer to the farmers through a series of initiatives like Extension Reforms, Mass Media Support to Agricultural Extension, Kisan Call Centers, Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centers, Exhibitions/ Fairs etc. Further, a network of 681 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) has been established by India Council of Agricultural Research to facilitate farmer's access to knowledge and information generated by Agricultural Universities and ICAR Institutes of the country.

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of the Question regarding 'Problems of Farmers'

Details of Assistance/Subsidy for seed distribution provided under various existing Schemes/Programmes implemented by States

S. No.	Scheme/Component	Crop	Scale of Assistance
1.	National Food Security Mission(NFSM)	Rice	Rs.5000/- per quintal or 50% of seeds cost whichever is less for certified hybrid rice seed distribution. Rs.10/- per kg. or 50% of the cost, whichever is less for certified high yielding varieties certified seed distribution for less than 10 years old varieties.
		Wheat	Rs.10/- per kg. or 50% of the cost whichever is less for certified high yielding varieties seed distribution for less than 10 years old varieties.
		Pulses	Rs.2500/- per quintal or 50% of cost whichever is less for certified seeds distribution for less than 10 years old varieties. Full cost of seed minikits of pulses to the farmers.
		Coarse cereals- HYVs seed Hybrid seed	HYVs Rs.1500/- per quintal or 50% of cost whichever is less for HYVs certified seeds distribution for less than 10 years old varieties. Rs. 5000/- per quintal or 50% of cost of seeds whichever is less for Hybrid coarse cereal certified seeds distribution for less than 10 years old varieties.
2	Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI)	Rice and Wheat	Distribution of seeds Rs.5000/- per quintal or 50% of seeds cost whichever is less for certified hybrid rice seed distribution. Rs.10/- per kg. or 50% of the cost, whichever is less for certified high yielding varieties certified seed distribution for less than 10 years old varieties.
3.	National Mission on Oil Seeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP)	All oilseeds, Hybrid seeds Oil Palm Sprouts Cultivation cost as assistance for gestation period for oil palm.	a) 50% of the cost with a ceiling of Rs. 25 per Kg. of certified seeds except sesame which are not older than 10 years for distribution and Rs. 5000/- per quintal for hybrids and variety of sesame not older than 15 years. b) Full cost of Seed Minikits of high yielding varieties/hybrids which are less than 10 years. (Implementing agency NSC /NAFED/KRIBHCO etc). C) 85% of cost of planting material with a ceiling of Rs. 8000/ha. for entire land holding of farmers for oil palm. D) 50% cost during gestation period for 4 years with ceiling of Rs. 16000/ per ha. for oil palm.

4.	National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET)-Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Material (SMSP)	Seed Village Programme - All Agricultural Crops (60% GOI and 40% State Share)	Distribution of Seeds To upgrade the quality of farmer saved seed financial assistance for distribution of foundation / certified seeds @ 50% cost of the seeds for Cereals crops and 60% for oilseeds, pulses, green manure and fodder crops is provided for 1 acre area per farmer for production of quality seeds.
		Certified Seed Production of oilseeds, pulses, green manure and fodder crops through Seed Village (60% GOI and 40% State Share)	Distribution of Seeds- Financial assistance for distribution of foundation seeds @ 75% cost of the seeds of oilseeds, pulses, green manure and fodder crops is provided to the farmers.
5.	National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET)-Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Material (SMSP)	Seed Village Programme - All Agricultural Crops (60% GOI and 40% State Share)	Distribution of Seeds To upgrade the quality of farmer saved seed financial assistance for distribution of foundation / certified seeds @ 50% cost of the seeds for Cereals crops and 60% for oilseeds, pulses, green manure and fodder crops is provided for 1 acre area per farmer for production of quality seeds.
		Certified Seed Production of oilseeds, pulses, green manure and fodder crops through Seed Village (60% GOI and 40% State Share)	Distribution of Seeds- Financial assistance for distribution of foundation seeds @ 75% cost of the seeds of oilseeds, pulses, green manure and fodder crops is provided to the farmers.

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State-wise average size (in ha.) of operational holdings as per Agriculture Census 2010-11

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Average size of holdings in hectare 2010-11
1	A & N Islands	1.85
2	Andhra Pradesh	1.08
3	Arunachal Pradesh	3.51
4	Assam	1.10
5	Bihar	0.39
6	Chandigarh	1.29
7	Chhattisgarh	1.36
8	D & N Haveli	1.38
9	Daman & Diu	0.38
10	Delhi	1.45
11	Goa	1.14
12	Gujarat	2.03
13	Haryana	2.25
14	Himachal Pradesh	0.99
15	Jammu & Kashmir	0.62
16	Jharkhand*	1.17
17	Karnataka	1.55
18	Kerala	0.22
19	Lakshadweep	0.27
20	Madhya Pradesh	1.78
21	Maharashtra	1.44
22	Manipur	1.14
23	Meghalaya	1.37
24	Mizoram	1.14
25	Nagaland	6.02
26	Odisha	1.04
27	Puducherry	0.66
28	Punjab	3.77
29	Rajasthan	3.07
30	Sikkim	1.42
31	Tamil Nadu	0.80
32	Tripura	0.49
33	Uttar Pradesh	0.76
34	Uttarakhand	0.89
35	West Bengal	0.77
	All India	1.15

