

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2578
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH JULY, 2019

NATIONAL FARMERS POLICY

2578. SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate the Rashtriya Kisan Yojana/ National Farmers Policy;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that kharif crops are also being grown in zaid crop season due to which the ground water level has been falling drastically;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): No Sir as no new formation of Rashtriya Kisan Yojana/National Farmers Policy is under consideration.

(c) to (e): A programme on additional area coverage of pulses during Rabi/summer 2018-19 through area expansion has been launched in 15 States covered under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) Pulses. No report on depletion of ground water for this reason has been received.

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is implementing Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) which focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through Micro Irrigation technologies viz. Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation systems.

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Besides, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed inter-alia cost effective, location specific modern agronomic practices like alternate furrow irrigation, crop diversification and varieties which require less water to ensure improved water productivity together with higher crop productivity in the country. Assistance is given to the States through various schemes of DAC&FW for water conservation techniques and tools.

A Jal Shakti Abhiyan- a campaign for water conservation and water security in 1592 stressed blocks in 256 districts has been launched throughout the country in which Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is participating for increasing awareness about micro irrigation, changing cropping pattern, promotion of alternate crops, mechanization, among others.

Annexure

Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2578 due for 09.07.2019 Statement in respect of Part (a) and (b) of the Question regarding 'Recommendations of Swaminathan Committee Report'

The Policy provisions in NPF-2007 include, inter-alia,

(i)	Asset reforms in respect of land, water, livestock, fisheries and bio-resources;
(ii)	Supply of good quality seeds and disease-free planting material,
(iii)	Issue of soil health passbooks to the farmers and integrated pest management system;
(iv)	Region and crop specific implements and machinery;
(v)	Support services for women;
(vi)	Timely, adequate and easy reach of institutional credit at reasonable interest rates and farmer-friendly insurance instruments;
(vii)	Support services and inputs like application of frontier technologies;
(viii)	Agricultural bio-security system;
(ix)	Use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and setting up of farm schools to revitalize agricultural extension;
(x)	Coverage of farmers under a comprehensive national social security scheme;
(xi)	Effective implementation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) across the country and establishing community food grain banks;
(xii)	Development of agricultural market infrastructure and terminal markets for agriculture;
(xiii)	Curriculum reforms in agricultural universities;
(xiv)	Special categories of farming like organic farming and contract farming;
(xv)	Rural non-farm employment initiative for farm households; and
(xvi)	Integrated approach for rural energy, etc.