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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH NOVEMBER, 2019

INCREASING PRODUCTION OF RABI CROPS

410. MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to increase the production of Rabi crops across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is taking any steps to increase the production of pulses and oilseeds across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): In order to increase the production of crops including Rabi crops across the country, the Government is implementing various schemes viz., National Food Security Mission (NFSM) including oilseeds, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Sub Mission on Seeds and Planting Materials (SMSP), Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation (SMAM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), Pramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), etc.

(c) & (d): For increasing the production and productivity of Pulses in the country, Government is implementing NFSM-Pulses in 638 districts of 28 States and 2 Union Territories (Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) of the country. Under this Mission, assistance is being provided to the farmers on cluster demonstrations, cropping system based demonstrations, seed distribution, seed production, micro-nutrients, soil ameliorants, resource conservation techniques/ tools, water application tools and cropping system based trainings etc.

Government is also implementing special action plan on intercropping of Pulses with sugarcane and programme on increasing Pulses productivity in low productivity districts of the country under NFSM- Pulses.

Government is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Oilseeds and Oil Palm to increase production of oilseeds and domestic availability of edible oils. The scheme is under operation in 29 states and has three sub-components namely Oilseeds, Oil Palm and Tree Borne Oilseeds (TBOs). The main objective is to increase oilseeds production & productivity and area expansion under Oil Palm & TBOs cultivation.

Under this scheme, incentives are provided to the farmers like distribution of newly released varieties, supply of seed minikits, block demonstrations including bee-keeping through State Governments, front line & cluster front line demonstrations through ICAR/SAUs-KVKs, farmers' training, improved farm implements, micro-irrigation systems, water carrying pipes, seed storage bins, seed treatment drums, bio-pesticides, micronutrients, bio-fertilizers and bio-agents.

Besides, a special programme is also being implemented on Targeting Rice Fellow Area (TRFA) in 6 Eastern States namely, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha and West Bengal. This programme has also been extended to other States i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu for Rabi oilseeds and pulses from 2019-20.
