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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.411
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY, 2020

DIVERSIFICATION OF CROPS

411. SHRI BRIJENDRA SINGH:

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

- (a) the steps being taken for diversification of crops especially in areas dominated by paddy-wheat crop cycle;
- (b) the budget allocation and expenditure incurred on this over the last 5 years, State-wise; and
- (c) the status of crop diversification, especially weaning the farmers away from water guzzling crops like paddy and sugarcane?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is implementing Crop Diversification Programme (CDP) in Original Green Revolution States viz: Punjab, Haryana and western Uttar Pradesh, as a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) since 2013-14 to divert the area of water guzzling paddy crop to alternative crops pulses, oilseeds, coarse cereals, nutri cereals, cotton and agro forestry. Under CDP, assistance is provided for four major interventions viz., alternate crop demonstrations, farm mechanization & value addition, site-specific activities & contingency for awareness, training, monitoring, etc.

(b): The State-wise allocation (central share) and expenditure / release of central share under CDP during 5 years is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

| S. No. | State | Year | Budget Allocation (B.E.) (central share) | Expenditure / release of central share |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---|---|
| 1. | Punjab | 2015-16 | 75.00 | 37.50 |
| | | 2016-17 | 79.47 | 6.79 |
| | | 2017-18 | 17.66 | 0.00 |
| | | 2018-19 | 7.06 | 3.53 |
| | | 2019-20 | 7.06 | - |
| 2. | Haryana | 2015-16 | 49.75 | 49.75 |
| | | 2016-17 | 33.94 | 16.97 |
| | | 2017-18 | 7.55 | 7.55 |
| | | 2018-19 | 3.02 | 1.51 |
| | | 2019-20 | 3.02 | - |
| 3. | Western Uttar Pradesh | 2015-16 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | | 2016-17 | 36.09 | 30.77 |
| | | 2017-18 | 8.02 | 5.68 |
| | | 2018-19 | 3.21 | 3.21 |
| | | 2019-20 | 3.21 | 1.61 |

(c): The Crop Diversification Programme is being implemented in 2019-20. Government of India also provide flexibility to the states for state specific needs/priorities under RKVY. The state can promote crop diversification including diversification of paddy and sugarcane crops under RKVY with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by Chief Secretary of the State.

The State Government of Haryana has also launched its own pilot scheme for substituting paddy by maize and other crops in 7 districts of the State during 2019-20.
