

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA) : (a) and (b) Government is in the process of operationalising Pradhan Mantri Krishi Shichai Yojana (PMKSY) in the country to ensure access to water to every agriculture farm.

Insurance of crops and income of farmers

1771. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to insure the crops and income of farmers in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the methodology Government proposes to adopt in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With a view to better serve the interest of farmers, Government is desirous to develop a new crop insurance scheme to protect them against both yield and price fluctuations. At present, Government is in the process of finalization of details in consultation with various stakeholders.

Skill development and training programmes for farmers

1772. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes/programmes run by Government for skill development and training of farmers in the field of agricultural and allied sectors;

(b) whether Government has earmarked funds under various schemes for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details of funds earmarked and spent thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, Scheme-wise and State/UT-wise including Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(d) the details of the success achieved under the programmes during the said period and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA) : (a) to (c) A number of ongoing schemes and programmes of the Government have an inbuilt component of capacity building and training of farmers in the field of agriculture and allied sectors. An illustrative list of such schemes is given in Statement-I (*See* below). However, there is no specific scheme or programme only on skill development of farmers. While some