

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ): (a) to (c) As informed by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare in view of deficit rainfall during South West Monsoon 2017 (June- September), deficit ground water, poor crop status, etc., the Government of Rajasthan had declared drought in 41 tehsils (4151 villages) in 13 districts in the State and submitted a Memorandum seeking assistance of ₹ 3078.26 crore from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for drought relief. The amount of ₹ 3078.26 crore, *inter-alia* includes ₹ 938.47 crore from NDRF for cattle conservation activities. The memorandum submitted by the State Government is under consideration in connection with the deputation of an Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) for assessment of the drought situation and requirement of financial assistance.

Doubling the income of farmers

2127. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP:

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Committee appointed by Government in April, 2016 to prepare the report on doubling farmers' income has submitted its report;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations of the Committee; and
- (c) how much expenditure is likely to be incurred on the implementation of such recommendations to achieve the target of doubling farmers' income by 2022?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) to (c) Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Executive Officer, National Rainfed Area Authority, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare to examine issues relating to doubling of farmers' income by the year 2022. As of now, seven volumes, out of the fourteen volumes of the draft Report/s have been uploaded on the website of this Department (<http://agricoop.nic.in/doubling-farmers>) for seeking public opinion.

Suicide by farmers in Jharkhand

2128. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that farmer suicides have now become a frequent phenomenon in Jharkhand;