

**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED  
QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 27TH JULY, 2018<sup>@</sup>**

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**Prime Minister's package for farmers of Bihar**

\*106. PROF. MANOJ KUMAR JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had, on 18 August, 2015 announced a package of ₹ 3094 crore for the welfare of farmers of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the amount of funds released so far out of the said package?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Govt. of India issued a communication dated 25.08.2015 regarding Prime Minister's package for Bihar, 2015. This package includes agricultural development programme under the following heads:-

| Sl.No. | Programme   | Allocation (₹ In crore) |
|--------|---|-------------------------|
| 1.     | Upgradation of Pusa (Bihar) to the level of a Central Agricultural University | 400                     |
| 2.     | Development of Fisheries  | 200                     |
| 3.     | Farm Water Management<br>(Micro Irrigation, creation of water resources)      | 750                     |
| 4.     | Development of Storage Capacity   | 600                     |
| 5.     | Farm Mechanization  | 600                     |
| 6.     | Seed production system  | 300                     |
| 7.     | National Research Centre of Integrated Farming System, Motihari, Bihar        | 30                      |
| 8.     | Construction of new godowns at Supaul, Madhepura, Hazipur and Chakia Bazar    | 214                     |
| TOTAL  |   | 3094                    |

<sup>@</sup> The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Friday, the 27th July, 2018 was cancelled on account of Guru Purnima.. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of the House on Monday 30th July, 2018.

In so far as funds released for the welfare of farmers is concerned, the status is as under:—

**Sl. No.1. Upgradation of Pusa (Bihar) to the level of a Central Agricultural University :** Funds released so far out of the said package for upgradation of Pusa (Bihar) to the level of a Central Agricultural University are ₹ 171 crore.

**Sl. No.2. Development of Fisheries:** During the last three years, the details of funds released to the Government of Bihar under the Blue Revolution Scheme for promotion and development of the fisheries sector in the State are as under:—

| Year    | Amount (₹ in crore) |
|---------|---------------------|
| 2015-16 | 0.94                |
| 2016-17 | 19.48               |
| 2017-18 | 0.02                |
| TOTAL   | 20.44               |

Further, a proposal with a project cost of ₹ 533 crore to undertake various fisheries activities has been received from Government of Bihar only on 31.5.2018 and the feasibility of the proposal is under examination.

**Sl. No.3. Farm Water Management Schemes (Command Area Development and Water Management, Restoration Work and Micro Irrigation and Other Interventions):**

(A) Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) has released funds to the Government of Bihar under the Micro Irrigation and Other Intervention schemes as per following details:

| Year       | Amount (₹ in crores) |
|------------|----------------------|
| 2015-16    | 28.60                |
| 2016-17    | 21.60                |
| 2017-18    | 12.50                |
| TOTAL of A | 62.70                |

(B) Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) has released funds to the Government of Bihar under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Command Area Development and Water Management (CADWM) and Surface Minor Irrigation as per the following details:—

| Scheme                   | Year                | Amount (₹ in crore) |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| AIBP                     | Upto 2018           | 87.83               |
| CADWM                    | 2016-17 and 2017-18 | 21.40               |
| Surface Minor Irrigation | 2015-16 to 2017-18  | 06.36               |
| TOTAL OF B               |                     | 115.59              |

(C) D/o Land Resources has released funds to the Government of Bihar under watershed development component of PMKSY as follows:-

| Scheme                        | Year               | Amount (₹ in crore) |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| PMKSY (Watershed Development) | 2015-16 to 2017-18 | 52.47               |
| TOTAL OF C                    |                    | 52.47               |

Total of A+B+C= ₹ 62.70 crore + ₹ 115.59 crore + ₹ 52.47 crore = ₹ 230.76 crore

As a onetime exercise a committee was constituted on 02.03.2016 under the Chairmanship of Shri Brijmohan Agarwal, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources, Government of Chattisgarh and Shri Girish Dattatray Mahajan, Hon'ble Minister of Water Resources, Government of Maharashtra to review the progress of 149 ongoing major and medium irrigation projects under AIBP as on 01.04.2015 and identify those projects which the states could complete in a time bound manner by December, 2019. The committee submitted its report on June, 2016 and Cabinet approved implementation of PMKSY on 27.07.2016 with 99 high priority schemes. It is to mention here that two projects of Bihar namely Durgavati Reservoir and Punpun Barrage Project were taken up. Also, Government of Bihar has submitted a project proposal in February, 2018 whereby Command Area Development and Water Management

Scheme for North Koel reservoir scheme, restoration work of minor and water courses of Uderasthan Barrage Scheme and Command Area Development and Water Management Scheme including restoration work of Moratal Pyne and its distribution system are to be taken up. However, presently Ministry of Water Resources is concentrating on 99 high priority projects to be completed within the stipulated time frame of December, 2019.

**Sl. No.4. Development of Storage Capacity:**

No Detailed Project Report for development of storage capacity has been received from the State Government.

**Sl. No.5. Farm Mechanization:**

DAC and FW has released funds to the Government of Bihar under the Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation as per following details:-

| Year         | Amount (₹ in crores) |
|--------------|----------------------|
| 2014-15      | 9.01                 |
| 2015-16      | Nil                  |
| 2016-17      | 14                   |
| 2017-18      | Nil                  |
| 2018-19      | 25                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>48.01</b>         |

As far as PM's package on Bihar is concerned, the project for agricultural mechanization was received on 3.7.2018 but was not as per SMAM norms. The revised proposal from the State Government has been received only on 24.7.2018 and is under examination.

**Sl. No.6. Seed Production System:** DAC&FW has released funds to the Government of Bihar under Sub Mission of Seeds and Planting Material (SMSP) and Setting up of seed processing cum seed storage godown at Panchayat level.

**(A) Seed Village Programme**

| Year             | Amount (₹ in cores) |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 2014-15          | 6.39                |
| 2015-16          | 6.00                |
| 2016-17          | 7.07                |
| 2017-18          | 3.24                |
| <b>TOTAL (A)</b> | <b>22.70</b>        |

**(B) Setting up of seed processing cum seed storage godown at Gram Panchayat Level**

For setting up of 32 units of seed processing cum seed storage godown at Gram Panchayat Level by FPO each 500MT @ ₹ 60 lakh, and amount of ₹ 19.2 crore was released to Government of Bihar in 2017-18.

| Year   | Amount (₹ in cores) |
|--|---------------------|
| 2017-18  | 19.2                |
| TOTAL of A+B= ₹ 22.70 crore + ₹ 19.2 crore = ₹ 41.90 |                     |

Further, project proposal for 300 crore under Bihar package for seed production system has been received in the DAC&FW only on 24.07.2018.

**Sl. No.7: National Research Centre of Integrated Farming System, Motihari, Bihar :** Funds released so far out of the said package for upgradation of National Research Centre of Integrated Farming System, Motihari, Bihar are ₹ 23.26 crore.

**Sl. No. 8. Construction of new godowns at Supaul, Madhepura, Hazipur and Chakia Bazar :** Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has informed that the Prime Minister's Package for Bihar has not taken off and has been closed due to non-availability of land.

#### **Data on average monthly/annual income of farmers**

\*107. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any National or State level data on the average monthly/annual income of a farmer in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the methodology used to calculate the average income of a farmer and how a farmer is defined?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH): (a) to (c) The average monthly income of agricultural household at the National and State level is estimated by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) through the 'Situation Assessment Survey' conducted from time to time. The latest "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households" was conducted by NSSO in rural parts of the country during its 70th round in 2013 (January-December). As per the results of this Survey, the average all-India monthly income per agricultural household from various sources is estimated to be ₹ 6,426. State-wise details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

A stratified multi-stage sampling design was adopted for the 70th round Survey. NSSO conducted door to door visit/ survey of the agricultural households covered under the sample frame. The schedule of enquiry for the Survey was designed to