

Lease of farmland to tenant farmers

805. SHRI SYED NASIR HUSSAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tenant farmers have to continue farming as they do not have the knowledge/skill of any other work, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the farmers lease the land between ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 per acre; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken/being taken by Government to regulate lease price of farmland and provide bank loans to tenant farmers to contain suicides?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRINARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) There is no evidence to suggest that tenant farmers have to continue farming as they do not have the knowledge/skill of any other work.

(b) and (c) Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) does not maintain this information. However, with the objectives to provide production technology, services and knowledge to the farmers including lessee, tenant and share croppers, for enhancing productivity and to enable purchase of produce by contract farming sponsor/buyer at pre-agreed prices, Department after consultation with States, circulated The Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2018. Government is also promoting formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) with technical handholding and financial support to leverage collectivization in scientific and organized farming including marketing.

Further, there is provision in Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) scheme to provide loans to the tenant farmers through joint liability groups.

Effect of crop diversification scheme on paddy production

806. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Haryana has launched a Crop Diversification Scheme wherein the farmers have opted out of planting paddy on 7443 hectares of land in the State;
- (b) if so, the details of response of the Central Government on the scheme;