

Horticulture (MIDH) and Agriculture Market Infrastructure Scheme (AMI). Additionally, SFAC and NABARD have facilitated training to Board of Directors and Chief Executives Officers of FPOs to enable them to function effectively.

Funds released to Madhya Pradesh for soyabean crops

† 2913. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state the details of action taken on proposals of Government of Madhya Pradesh dated 4th May, 2019 and 23rd April, 2019 regarding funds for Soyabean crops of Kharif season of 2018 and Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): No such proposals for said date were received. However, under National Food Security Mission-Oilseeds ₹ 500.00 lakh was released (during the year 2018-19) to promote oilseeds crops including Soya bean for Kharif season under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, ₹ 24.72 crore was released (during the year 2018-19) for promotion of organic farming in 2448 clusters including Soya bean to the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Farm logistics cost reduction

2914. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plans to reduce the distribution logistics cost in farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) The Government has taken a number of steps to reduce the distribution logistic cost in farming.

The Government has implemented the policy for reimbursement of freight subsidy for distribution of subsidized fertilizers through coastal shipping or/and inland waterways.

In order to make timely availability of certified/quality seeds at affordable price to the farmers of hilly/remote areas of North-Eastern States including Sikkim, Himachal

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttarakhand and hilly areas of West Bengal, Transport Subsidy on Movement of Seeds is provided under Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Material (SMSP).

As per Union Budget Announcement, 2018-19, Government has announced for development and upgradation of existing rural haats into Gramin Agricultural Markets (GrAMs). This will provide farmers facility to make direct sale to consumers and bulk purchasers which will reduce the logistic cost.

The Government is providing support to farmers for development of agricultural marketing infrastructure in the country through the scheme of "Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI)", which is a sub-scheme of Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM). Under AMI Scheme, Refrigerated Van as a transport vehicle is eligible for subsidy assistance for Integrated Value Chain (IVC) projects.

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) provides assistance for development of post harvest management and marketing infrastructure such as cold storage facilities, ripening chamber, pack houses, reefer vehicles to farmers to improve marketability of their produce.

Further, in order to develop the infrastructure in farming sector including that of distribution logistics, the Government is implementing Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) Scheme.

Government has introduced National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) scheme wherein trading of agriculture and horticulture commodities is carried out by transparent price discovery method for produce of farmers through competitive online bidding system. A logistic module has been provided on e-NAM platform to provide efficient logistic facility for inter-mandi and inter-state trade on e-NAM platform.

The Government has formulated and released model Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming & Services (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2018 which will facilitate reduction in supply chain for optimizing logistics.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above, the question does not arise.

Schemes to encourage organic fertilizers

2915. SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state: