

Awareness on traditional farming

2883. SHRI A. K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to create awareness among the farmers for cultivating traditional crops across the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government has undertaken a task in this regard so that the farmers take keen interest in cultivating traditional crops; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (c) In order to promote traditional crops in the country, Government of India has been implementing various schemes/programmes viz., National Food Security Mission - Nutri Cereals (NFSM - Nutri Cereals), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER).

Under NFSM-Nutri Cereals, assistance is given for organising cluster front line demonstrations on improved package of practices and critical inputs like distribution of certified seeds of high yielding varieties (HYVs)/hybrids, production of certified seeds of HYVs, integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM), improved farm implements and water conservation devices, etc. through State Governments. Besides, assistance is also provided for cropping system based trainings, formation of Farmer Producer Organisation (FPOs) in cluster area, creation of processing units for FPOs, Centres of Excellence (CoE), creation of seed hubs, organising events/workshops, distribution of seed minikits of HYVs, publicity through print and electronic media, etc.

Further, the States can promote traditional crops under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the State.

Establishment of Soil Testing Laboratories

†2884. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of farmers who have been provided Soil Health Cards so

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far under Soil Health Management Scheme to enhance the agriculture production across the country;

(b) the number of soil health testing laboratories established for the testing of soil in various States in the country including Bihar; and

(c) the number of farmers who opted for soil testing in the various districts of the country during the last three years, State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) The total number of farmers who have been provided Soil Health Cards across the country is 1074.12 lakh and 1154.57 lakh during cycle – I (2015-17) and cycle- II (2017-19) respectively.

(b) There are 7949 soil testing labs in the country including 1293 static labs, 165 mobile labs, 6337 mini labs and 154 village level labs. There are 47 labs in Bihar which includes 38 static labs and 9 mobile labs. The State- wise number of soil testing labs is given in the Statement-I (*See below*).

(c) All farm holdings in the country are covered under the Soil Health Card Scheme. The State/UT-wise number of farmers issued Soil Health Cards is given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

State-wise Soil Testing Labs (STLs)

Sl. No.	States	Static STLs	Mobile STLs	Mini STLs	Village Level STLs	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1	0	0	0	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	47	13	1328	16	1404
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	5	3	8	0	16
4.	Assam	9	0	214	0	223
5.	Bihar	38	9	0	0	47
6.	Chhattisgarh	33	0	170	0	203

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0
8.	Goa	2	0	0	0	2
9.	Gujarat	81	2	230	0	313
10.	Haryana	35	2	50	47	134
11.	Himachal Pradesh	11	10	69	0	90
12.	Jammu and Kashmir	22	12	0	0	34
13.	Jharkhand	16	3	1300	0	1319
14.	Karnataka	98	1	6	88	193
15.	Kerala	15	13	152	0	180
16.	Madhya Pradesh	91	10	626	0	727
17.	Maharashtra	235	20	17	0	272
18.	Manipur	4	3	0	0	7
19.	Meghalaya	3	3	6	0	12
20.	Mizoram	3	3	0	0	6
21.	Nagaland	3	0	0	0	3
22.	Odisha	27	12	0	0	39
23.	Puducherry	2	0	0	0	2
24.	Punjab	52	3	0	0	55
25.	Rajasthan	101	12	0	0	113
26.	Sikkim	3	0	0	0	3
27.	Tamil Nadu	31	16	0	2	49
28.	Telangana	40	4	2050	0	2094
29.	Tripura	3	3	100	0	106
30.	Uttar Pradesh	243	0	11	0	254
31.	Uttarakhand	13	0	0	1	14
32.	West Bengal	26	8	0	0	34
TOTAL		1293	165	6337	154	7949

Statement-II*State-wise number of Farmers issued Soil Health Cards during last three years*

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Number of farmers issued Soil Health Cards		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Uttar Pradesh	6590175	12005904	7806058
2.	Maharashtra	10030091	3552598	9515137
3.	Madhya Pradesh	7668789	2914500	5992885
4.	Rajasthan	5772000	1403000	10132794
5.	Karnataka	7791843	1674528	6157661
6.	Gujarat	3742923	0	8694936
7.	Andhra Pradesh	5819309	1011863	5955299
8.	Bihar	5461811	1209510	4804591
9.	West Bengal	4949126	902000	3298000
10.	Tamil Nadu	4657411	1777518	5197325
11.	Telangana	4521394	616504	2854668
12.	Punjab	956434	0	1160568
13.	Haryana	4178238	61258	3481745
14.	Chhattisgarh	3232661	1640830	3105840
15.	Odisha	1719927	509685	854236
16.	Kerala	717500	0	2251280
17.	Goa	5415	4223	7777
18.	Uttarakhand	482494	358360	523668
19.	Himachal Pradesh	257249	333657	627108
20.	Jammu and Kashmir	659391	71281	946770
21.	Jharkhand	560489	96367	159024
22.	Arunachal Pradesh	19880	0	55

1	2	3	4	5
23.	Assam	1289638	0	1300901
24.	Manipur	113044	0	55550
25.	Meghalaya	190778	41077	205428
26.	Mizoram	8236	557	14417
27.	Nagaland	172897	6000	6000
28.	Sikkim	19000	0	21470
29.	Tripura	108463	21623	96100
30.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	10000	1625	7345
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	2222	0	0
32.	Puducherry	19594	0	7074
TOTAL		81728422	30214468	85241710

Achievements under e-Nam Scheme

†2885. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers in the country connected with National Agriculture Market Scheme/Online Mandi (e-NAM) at present;

(b) the number of farmers of Madhya Pradesh connected with e-NAM at present;

(c) whether all agricultural produce markets, located in various States of the country have to be included as one centre under e-NAM and whether the achievements made so far in this direction is as per the targets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) As on 08.12.2019, a total of 1,65,77,210 farmers in the country have been registered on National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) platform.

(b) As on 08.12.2019, a total of 30,10,894 farmers of Madhya Pradesh have been registered on e-NAM platform.

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