

(c) Crop losses due to calamities including pest attack are covered under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna. Haryana State Government has reported that assistance for pesticides is provided by State Department under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.

Agri-export policy for doubling farmers' income

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SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

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

(a) whether the objective of Agriculture Export Policy is doubling the farmers' income through export of agricultural products by the year 2022;

(b) the special steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government has a focused approach for ensuring involvement of State Governments also in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) The objective of Agriculture Export Policy is Harness export potential of Indian agriculture, through suitable policy instruments, to make India a global power in agriculture, and raise farmers income.

(b) To monitor the implementation of AEP, an Inter-Ministerial Committee has been formed. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) convened national workshops, made field visits, identified existing infrastructure gaps in the Agri clusters, organized buyer-seller meets, launched farmer connect portal on its website, opened market intelligence cell etc.

(c) Involvement of the States, in implementation of the AEP, has been envisaged in the following:

(i) Inclusion of Agri Export Policy in the State Export Policy

(ii) Identification of State Nodal Agency for promotion of agri exports.

(iii) To set up institutional mechanism at State and Cluster level by forming Committees to support export.

(iv) Infrastructure and logistics to facilitate agricultural exports.

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