

Under NFSM-Oilseeds, various incentives like production and distribution of seeds, supply of seed minikits, plant protection equipments/chemicals, micronutrients, supply of improved farm implements, irrigation devices, block demonstrations, training of farmers, etc. are being provided to the farmers through state governments for increasing production and productivity of nine oilseed crops *i.e.* Rapeseed and Mustard, Soybean, Groundnut, Sesame, Sunflower, Safflower, Niger, Linseeds and Caster.

Impact of banning pesticides

663. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to ban some pesticides;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether pesticide manufacturers claim that such steps would increase prices four-fold for Indian farmers, and result in business losses worth ₹16,000 crore; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and present status in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) Government has published a draft notification S.O.1512 (E) dated 14.05.2020 for banning 27 pesticides. Among these 27 pesticides, 7 are herbicides, 8 are fungicides and rest 12 are insecticides.

(c) Objections and suggestions from various stakeholders/companies/institutions/associations/farmers etc. have been received on the draft notification.

(d) The objections and suggestions that have been received from the stakeholders on draft notifications are being examined considering all aspects related to technical, scientific requirements, alternatives available, farmer interest, safety, toxicity and efficacy concerns, updated status of study and submission of data, ban status in other countries, etc. and a final decision will be taken accordingly.

Timely settlement of claims under PMFBY

664. SHRI B. LINGAIAH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has stressed the need for States to release premium subsidy in time to ensure timely settlement of claims under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY);