

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1294
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/02/2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION

1294. Shri Prashanta Nanda:
Shri Bhaskar Rao Nekkanti:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to increase agricultural land under irrigation so that the objective of the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is achieved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government has started development and distribution of high-yielding/hybrid seeds so that the objective of the NFSM is achieved;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Government of India launched the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) on 1st July, 2015 with the motto of “Har Khet Ko Paani” for providing end-to-end solutions in irrigation supply chain *viz.* water sources, distribution network and farm level applications. The components of PMKSY are; Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), PMKSY - Har Khet Ko Paani, PMKSY - Per Drop More Crop (PMKSY – PDMC) and PMKSY (Watershed). The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of PMKSY-PDMC from 2015-16 in all the States of the country which focuses on enhancing water use efficiency at farm level through Micro Irrigation *viz.*, Drip and Sprinkler irrigation systems. Besides promoting Micro Irrigation, this component also supports micro level water storage or water conservation/management activities to supplement source creation for Micro Irrigation.

Besides, National Food Security Mission (NFSM) provides assistance to the farmers for purchase of pumps sets, water carrying pipes, sprinkler sets and mobile raingun through the State Governments/UTs. Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is being implemented in 7 Eastern States including Odisha under which, assistance for construction of minor irrigation tanks, check dams, water harvesting structures, shallow tube wells, dug wells, bore wells, pump sets and water carrying pipes is also provided to the farmers through State Governments.

These schemes promoting irrigation for crops supports for enhancing production and productivity of crops to achieve the objective of NFSM.

(c): Question does not arise in view of (a) & (b).

(d) & (e): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through its various research institutes, All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs), network projects and State Agriculture Universities develop high yielding varieties(HYV)/hybrids of various crops in the country. In order to promote the latest high yielding varieties/hybrids of rice, wheat, pulses, coarse cereals, nutri-cereals, cotton, jute, sugarcane and oilseeds, assistance is given to farmers on certified seeds under NFSM. Priority is given for distribution of seeds of less than 10 years old varieties for quick spread of new varieties for enhancing production and productivity. In addition, minikits of newly released varieties of pulses and oilseeds are also provided free of cost to farmers.

(f): Question does not arise in view of (d) & (e).
