

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 128 5
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30/07/2021

DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM OF AGRICULTURE

1285. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

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

- (a) whether steps are being taken to eradicate exclusion in Digital Ecosystem of Agriculture since the current setup exclude pastoral communities, Dalits and indigenous people who are often prevented from owning land, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether there has been any budget allotted and funds disbursed for the same so far; and
- (c) whether any steps are being taken to recognize these cultivators and farmers who are still not part of data systems, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): There is no exclusion of any category of citizens in the proposed India Digital Ecosystem for Agriculture.
- (b): So far funds of Rs. 1 Crore were released during 2020-21 to National Informatics Centre (NIC) for creation & maintenance of federated Farmers Database.
- (c) : In Phase-I, only farmers whose name figures in the land records are taken up. It is proposed to take up other cultivators etc. in future, with the consent of the State Governments.
