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REMUNERATIVE PRICES FOR COTTON AND SUGARCANE

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

- (a) the steps taken by Government to support cotton and sugarcane producing farmers across the nation since last five years;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to protect cotton crops from predominant pest attacks in Malwa belt in Punjab as well as entire country;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to ensure fair prices to cotton and sugarcane crops across the nation; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government towards Research and Development in cotton and sugarcane cultivation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing cotton & sugarcane development programme under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) since 2014-15 to enhance production & productivity. The scheme provides support to the farmers for the transfer of technology through demonstrations & training on cotton & sugarcane. Allocation (central share) made to the states during last five years is given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	NFSM-Cotton	NFSM-Sugarcane
2017-18	8.91	8.17
2018-19	10.43	9.95
2019-20	9.62	10.65
2020-21	11.09	11.42
2021-22	12.73	6.60

(b): The 36 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs) located in different States/UTs conduct various training programmes such as Farmers Field Schools (FFS), Kisan Gosthis, 2 days Human Resource Development (HRD) programmes, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) exhibitions and Seed Treatment Campaigns to sensitize farmers about crop pests & their management practices. 106 FFS were conducted on cotton crop during last five years including 13 in Punjab. Further, Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine and Storage (DPPQS) has issued advisory for management of pink bollworm & whitefly in cotton on 15.07.2022 to the states including Punjab.

(c): Government fixes Minimum Support Price (MSP) of cotton and Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane with a minimum return of 50 percent over all India weighted average cost of production from year 2018-19 onwards. Further, Cotton Corporation of India (CCI), Ministry of Textiles is the nodal agency for undertaking procurement of cotton, when prices touch MSP or below MSP and sugar mills purchase sugarcane from farmers.

(d): ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur along with All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Cotton is conducting Research and Development activities in Cotton to develop new high yielding varieties as well as production and protection technologies for enhancing production and productivity of Cotton in the country. During 2017-2022, a total of 84 non- Bt and 99 Bt hybrids/varieties of cotton have been released for different cotton growing zones of India. ICAR-Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow and Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore along with AICRP on Sugarcane undertakes intensive research and development work and develop improved varieties, production and protection technology of sugarcane to increase the production and productivity of sugarcane in the country. During 2017-2022, a total of 52 varieties of sugarcane have been released for different zones of India.
