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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 664
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/07/2022

DEBT-INCOME RATIO OF FARMERS

664. SHRI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE PILLI:

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

- (a) the details of the average monthly income and average debt of farmers in the country, State-wise, in the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has made any efforts to reduce the debt-income ratio of farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The average monthly income and average debt of farmers are not maintained on a monthly basis. However, the Government of India conducted a Survey on 'Agricultural Households and Land and Livestock Holdings of Households in Rural India' in NSSO report no. 587. As per the above survey report, the average monthly income per agricultural household during July 2018-June 19 is Rs. 10,218 and debt of Rs. 74,121.

(b) & (c): The Government of India, has inter-alia, taken the following major initiatives to reduce the debt burden of farmers and thus freeing them from the clutches of money lenders. These schemes/initiatives include KCC Saturation drive to ensure concessional institutional credit to all eligible farmers in the country, income support of Rs. 6000 per year to farm families in 3 equal installment through Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), formation of Joint Liabilities Groups (JLG's), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
