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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1127
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/12/2022

IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES FOR SMALL LAND HOLDING FARMERS

1127. DR.DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:

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

- (a) whether there are more than 86 per cent of farmers who have less than two hectares land, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is implementing schemes for the development of farmers, including small farmers;
- (c) if so, the details of the programmes being run at present for the farmers having small land holding; and
- (d) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is conducting research programmes to develop location specific varieties and technologies for enhancing production and productivity of farm holdings, including small land holdings, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): As per Agriculture Census 2015-16, there are 146.45 million operational holders in the country, of which 86.07% operational holders (126.06 million) are operating land less than two hectares.
- (b)&(c): Government is implementing a number of schemes for the development of farmers, including small farmers. These include, inter alia, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Kishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card (SHC), National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PMKMY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Pradhan Mantri Aardata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Kishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Rainfed Area Development (RAD)

Programme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Scheme for promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), Implementation of National Bee Keeping Honey Mission (NBHM), Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) etc.

(d): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is conducting research programmes to develop location specific varieties and technologies for enhancing production and productivity of farm holdings, including small land holdings. Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research (IIFSR) under ICAR implements All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) for development and refinement of farm technologies for use in small land holdings in the country. ICAR has also established a network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country mandated with technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity development for encouraging the farmers including small land holdings.
