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SCHEMES TO ADDRESS ISSUES FACED BY FARMERS IN RAJASTHAN

2107. SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any scheme to set up an agricultural university in Jodhpur Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any scheme is being implemented by Government to provide a fair price to farmers for their crops in Rajasthan, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any scheme is being run by Government for the farmers of drought affected districts of Rajasthan, which are frequently hit by drought, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) At present, there is no scheme to set up an Agricultural University in Jodhpur Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan. However, Rajasthan state has 05 Agriculture Universities and 01 Veterinary University which cater the need of agriculture and allied subjects for the welfare of the farming community as well as students. These are:

1. Agriculture University, Jodhpur.
2. Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner.
3. Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur.
4. Agriculture University, Kota.
5. Sri Karan Narendra (SKN) Agriculture University, Jobner.
6. Rajasthan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Bikaner.

(b) Yes.

1. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) scheme is a Central Government programme that aims to protect farmers from excessive price drops during bumper production years. The government sets minimum prices for 23 crops, which are guaranteed prices that farmers can receive if the market price falls below the announced minimum price. Along with this, under Rajasthan Krishak Samarthan Yojana of the Rajasthan State Government, farmers were also benefited by bonus at the rate of Rs. 125 per quintal in addition of MSP of wheat during marketing season 2024-25.

2. The State Government has also implemented 'Price Support Scheme' under Umbrella scheme of "Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)" for purchase of pulses and oilseeds of Fair Average Quality from registered farmers under this scheme.

(c) Yes.

1. Government is implementing following Centrally Sponsored schemes for the farmers of drought affected districts of the country including Rajasthan under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY):

- i. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
- ii. Rainfed Area Development (RAD) Programme

2. The Government through ICAR flagship network project 'National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA)' aims to develop and promote climate resilient technologies in agriculture which addresses vulnerable areas of the country.

In Rajasthan, 17 districts have been categorized under 'very high' risk category and 10 districts under 'high' risk category to drought. In NICRA programme, 14 Real Time Contingency Plans (RTCP) and preparedness technologies have been demonstrated to the farmers.

3. All India Coordinated Research Project for Dryland Agriculture (AICRPDA) centre located at Arjia (Bhilwara district of Rajasthan) generates the improved crop production technologies for dryland agriculture in south-east Rajasthan.
4. An AICRPDA voluntary centre located at Aklera, Jhalawar district of Rajasthan focused on development of location specific cropping systems and alternative land use systems which can minimize the impact of drought.
