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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-505
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29/11/2024

NATIONAL MISSION ON EDIBLE OILS- OILSEEDS

505. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

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

- (a) whether Government has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-Oilseeds) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the key objectives and goals of the NMEO-Oilseeds, and the manner in which it is expected to contribute to India's self-sufficiency in edible oil production;
- (c) the expected reduction in edible oil imports by 2030-31 under the NMEO-Oilseeds programme;
- (d) the specific programs or incentives that are in place to ensure that small and marginal farmers benefit from the mission in Maharashtra; and
- (e) the steps taken under NMEO-Oilseeds to promote indigenous oilseed varieties and reduce dependency on imported hybrid seeds?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (e): Yes Sir, the Union Cabinet has approved the National Mission on Edible Oils – Oilseeds (NMEO-OS), an initiative aimed at boosting domestic oilseed production for implementation all over the country including Maharashtra over a seven-year period, from 2024-25 to 2030-31 to strive toward self-sufficiency in edible oil production.

The objective of NMEO-Oilseeds is to enhance the production of key primary oilseed crops such as Rapeseed-Mustard, Groundnut, Soybean, Sunflower, and Sesamum, as well as increasing collection and extraction efficiency from secondary sources like Cottonseed, Rice Bran, Corn oil and Tree Borne Oils. The mission aims to increase primary oilseed production from 39 million tonnes (2022-23) to 69.7 million tonnes by 2030-31. Together with National Mission on Edible Oils- Oil Palm (NMEO-OP), the Mission targets to increase domestic edible oil production to 25.45 million tonnes by 2030-31.

The Mission specifically focuses on small and marginal farmers with the objective of improving their oilseed crop yields through initiatives such as Frontline Demonstrations (FLDs), Cluster Frontline Demonstrations (CFLDs) and Block-Level Demonstrations (BLDs), thereby exposing farmers to good agricultural practices and access to essential production inputs.

Furthermore, NMEO-OS has provision for setting up of Value Chain Clusters to be managed by Value Chain Partners (FPOs, Cooperatives and other agencies) for providing high-quality seeds, training in good agricultural practices, advisory services on weather and pest management and procurement support to the participating farmers in the cluster including small and marginal farmers.

In addition, the mission supports FPOs and cooperatives in establishing or upgrading post-harvest infrastructures. This enhances the recovery of valuable products from secondary sources such as cottonseed, rice bran, corn oil, and Tree-Borne Oils (TBOs), contributing to sustainable agricultural practices and better income generation for farmers.

Through the mission, production of improved indigenous varieties and hybrids of oilseeds are being promoted by way of 100% support for breeder seeds and also for certified seeds used for distribution in the Value Chain Clusters. Additionally, under the mission, there is a provision for establishing 65 new seed hubs and 50 seed storage units in the public sector, significantly enhancing the production and storage of indigenous seeds across the country. The mission entails advance tie-ups with seed-producing agencies e.g. cooperatives, FPOs, and government or private seed corporations through a five-year online seed rolling plan facilitated on the central seed portal (SATHI).
