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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1509

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th DECEMBER, 2023

CULTIVATION OF MILLETS

1509. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware that Millets can collectively bring ample opportunity for the small farmers of the country to scale and offer benefits for a sustainable future; and

(b) if so, the details of the initiatives taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to motivate small farmers to cultivate Millets?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) & (b): Millets (Shree Anna) provide ample opportunity to the farmers including small farmers for sustainable agriculture as these crops are highly nutritious, drought tolerant, climate resilient and require less agricultural inputs.

The Government of India is implementing a multi stakeholder approach towards celebration of International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023 to achieve the objectives of IYM 2023 and promote Millets (Shree Anna). In order to increase production and productivity of Millets (Shree Anna), the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in all districts of 28 States & 2 Union Territories

(Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh). Under NFSM–Nutri Cereals, the incentives are provided to the all category of farmers including small and marginal farmers, through the States/UTs, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of certified seeds of newly released varieties/hybrids, Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management techniques, improved farm implements/tools/resource conservation machineries, water saving devices, capacity building of farmers through trainings during cropping season, organizing events/workshops, distribution of seed minikits, publicity through print and electronic media etc.

In addition, states such as Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have initiated Millet Missions in the States to promote millets.
