

# RAJYA SABHA

(List of Questions for WRITTEN ANSWERS)

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## Remunerative prices to farmers for horticulture crops

817 Dr. Banda Prakash (Telangana):

### AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE:-

- (a) whether the production of horticulture crops like vegetables and flowers have increased in recent years in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of production of potatoes, tomatoes and onions during the last three years;
- (c) whether the farmers are getting remunerative prices for their produces at the time of bumper production; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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## New steps for doubling farmers' income

818 Sh. P. Bhattacharya (West Bengal) :

Dr. Ameer Yajnik(Gujarat) :

Sh. Devender Paul Vats(Haryana) :

### AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE:-

- (a) the number of farmers whose claims have been paid across the country including Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat till date under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, State-wise;
- (b) whether Government has set a target of doubling of farmers' income by the year 2022;
- (c) if so, the steps taken so far to achieve this target within time-limit along with the new steps proposed to be taken in this regard; and (d) the details thereof along with the status in this regard?

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## Productivity of irrigated and non-irrigated agricultural land in the country

819 Sh. Prasanna Acharya (Odissa):

### AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE:-

- (a) the total amount of agricultural land in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the percentage of irrigated land and the sources of irrigation; and (c) the per acre productivity of irrigated and non-irrigated agricultural land of major crops like paddy, wheat, maize, etc.?

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## Productivity of crops in Darjeeling region

822 Smt. Shanta Chhetri (West Bengal):

### AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE:-

- (a) whether the Darjeeling hill region is one of the richest in the country in having hot cash

crops such as cardamom, ginger, broomstick, orange and plum, high quality organic vegetables, flowers, orchids, silk cocoons and medicinal plants; (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to enhance productivity of these crops; (c) the steps taken to improve farming methods and quality of life of the farmers of that region; and (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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**Monetary support to farmers and agriculture start-ups**

823 Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabudhe (Maharashtra):

**AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE:-**

(a) the steps that have been undertaken by Government to ease the concerns of the farmers since the nationwide lockdown announced in March, 2020; (b) the amount of monetary support that has been provided by Government for the farmers during the lockdown period, State-wise; and (c) the steps that have been undertaken to help agriculture start-ups and companies to carry on their businesses during the lockdown?

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**Extension of time to repay standard short-term agri-loan**

824 Sh. Kanakamedala Ravindra Kumar (Andhra Pradesh):

**AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE:-**

(a) whether Government has extended the time again and again to facilitate farmers to repay standard—short term agri-loan given to them due to COVID-19 pandemic; (b) if so, the details thereof; (c) whether Government has received any request/representation from the farmers to further extend the time to repay their loan; and (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's action in this regard?

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**Sops and exemptions under PM-KISAN Scheme**

825 Sh. T.G. Venkatesh (Andhra Pradesh):

**AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE:-**

(a) whether the attention of Government is drawn to the matter of announcement of PMKISAN Scheme with a view to increase the income of the farmers; (b) if so, the details thereof; and (c) the details of the sops and exemptions being given under this scheme?

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**Setting up of Agriculture Infrastructure Fund**

826 Sh. T.G. Venkatesh (Andhra Pradesh):

**AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE:-**

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the matter of announcement of setting up of ₹ 1 lakh crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund with a view to increase the income of farmers and to achieve empowerment; (b) if so, the details thereof; and (c) the detail of the sops and exemptions being given under this scheme?

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