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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.585
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2018

INCOME OF FARMERS

585. SHRI SUNIL JAKHAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Chief Economic Advisor, Arvind Subramaniam has reported that “Real income of farmers producing crops other than cereals are falling” and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the percentage of farmers producing crops other than cereals;
- (c) whether the programme for doubling farmers income have failed; and
- (d) whether there is any policy course corrections in the original plan for doubling farmers income and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): The views of the Chief Economic Advisor on economic issues are articulated in the annual Economic Survey. The Economic Survey 2017-18, makes no specific mention regarding ‘fall in real income of farmers producing crops other than cereals’.

(b): The details of number of farmers producing crops other than the cereals are not maintained. However, as per the Land Use Statistics 2014-15, about 49 per cent of the total cropped area in the country is under crops other than cereals and millets.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. In order to achieve the target of doubling the income of farmers by 2022, Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee on 13.04.2016 to examine issues relating to doubling of farmers’ income and recommend a strategy to achieve the same by the year 2022. Alongside working on a comprehensive strategy, the Committee has been suggesting various interventions for consideration. With a view to have an effective stakeholders’ participations in finalizing the strategy, the Committee has so far uploaded nine Volumes of the draft Report on the website of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (<http://agricoop.nic.in/doubling-farmers>) for seeking public opinion.
