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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2116**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 6/12/2019

**SETTING UP OF SPECIAL COURTS FOR RESOLVING FARMERS' PROBLEM**

2116. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

(a) the reasons for not setting up of special courts for farmers to resolve their payment-related problems;

(b) whether there is a plan to incentivize the farmers instead of giving subsidy;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): There is no proposal for setting upspecial courts for farmers. However, different schemes run by the Government for disbursement of benefits to the farmers already have in-built multi-tier mechanism of grievance redressal at Center, State and District level.

(b) to (d):Government has already started a newCentral Sector Scheme, namely, the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) with a view to augment the income of the farmers by providing income support to all landholding farmers’ families in the country, to enable them to take care of expenses related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs. Under the Scheme an amount of Rs.6000/- per year is transferred in three 4-monthly installments of Rs.2000/- directly into the bank accounts of the farmers. Farmers falling within the following exclusion criteria relating to higher income status are not eligible for the benefit under the Scheme:

(A) All Institutional Land holders; and

(B) Farmer families in which one or more of its members belong to following categories :

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1. Former and present holders of constitutional posts
2. Former and present Ministers/ State Ministers and former/present Members of Lok Sabha/ Rajya Sabha/ State Legislative Assemblies/ State Legislative Councils,former and present Mayors of Municipal Corporations, former and present Chairpersons of District Panchayats.
3. All serving or retired officers and employees of Central/ State Government Ministries /Offices/Departments and its field units Central or State PSEs and Attached offices /Autonomous Institutions under Government as well as regular employees of the Local Bodies *(Excluding Multi Tasking Staff / Class IV/Group D employees)*
4. All superannuated/retired pensioners whose monthly pension is Rs.10,000/-or more *(Excluding Multi Tasking Staff / Class IV/Group D employees)*
5. All Persons who paid Income Tax in last assessment year.
6. Professionals like Doctors, Engineers, Lawyers, Chartered Accountants, and Architects registered with Professional bodies and carrying out profession by undertaking practices.

The scheme is effective from 1.12.2018. The entire responsibility of identification of beneficiaries rests with the State/UT Governments. An exclusive web-portal [www.pmkisan.gov.in](http://www.pmkisan.gov.in) has been launched for the Scheme. The financial benefits are released to the beneficiaries on the basis of the data of farmers prepared and uploaded by the State / UT Governments on the PM-Kisan web-portal. For enrollment, the farmer is required to approach the local patwari / revenue officer / Nodal Officer (PM-Kisan) nominated by the State Government. The Common Service Centres (CSCs) have also been authorized to do registration of the farmers for the Scheme upon payment of fees. Farmers can also do their self-registration through the Farmers Corner in the portal. Farmers can also edit their names in PM-Kisan database as per their Aadhaar card through the Farmers Corner. Farmers can also know the status of their payment through the Farmers Corner. The village-wise names of the beneficiaries are also available in the Farmers Corner.

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