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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.379
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

INSTANCES OF CORRUPTION UNDER PM KISAN SCHEME

379. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the recent corruption of Fake PM Kisan accounts siphoning funds provided to poor farmers under Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana in Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and stringent action taken against the corrupt and the perpetrators of such crime in Tamil Nadu as well as other places in the country;
- (c) whether the Union Government will conduct a thorough State-wide enquiry to ascertain if such corrupt practices happened on a large scale throughout Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the Government's stand on this corrupt practice?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. It was informed by the State Government of Tamil Nadu that ineligible beneficiaries were registered in PM-KISAN portal in few districts by stealing the user name credentials. The following action has been taken by the State Government in connection with the above mentioned irregularity:-

A sum of Rs.47 crore has been recovered by the State till date. Crime Branch CID (CB-CID) of Tamil Nadu has registered 10 cases and apprehended 16 accused in the case. The District Level and Block level PM-KISAN login IDs have been deactivated. The services of 19 contractual staff who have been reported to be involved in these illegal activities in the districts of Villupuram, Kallakurichi and Cuddalore districts were terminated. Further, three Block Level Assistant Directors of Agriculture who were considered primarily responsible for lack of supervision and not informing the fraudulent activities to the superiors were suspended.

(c) & (d): According to the PM-KISAN Scheme, the entire responsibility of identifying the eligible landholder farmer family is of the State/UT Governments.
