

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 27.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
GENDER BUDGETING CELL .

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Shri Natuji Halaji Thakor

Will the Minister of COALCOAL AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has constituted a Gender Budgeting Cell (GBC) in the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation to bring gender concerns to the centre-stage in all aspects of public expenditure and policy;
- (b) if so, the total amount out of budgetary allocation mandated for women farmers; and
- (c) the manner in which the amount allotted to women farmers would be utilized?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION)

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Out of the total Budget Estimate of Rs.7200.00 crores, outlay earmarked for Women Component Plan (30% of the Budget estimate) is Rs.2160.00 crores during the year 2009-10.

(c): Efforts are made to ensure use of earmarked outlay for welfare of women farmers through various components like Capacity building, Exposure visits, Demonstration etc under the Beneficiary Oriented Schemes (BOS) of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. Besides this, specific segments of activities in different schemes and programs have been identified to pass on benefits directly to women farmers as far as possible.