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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2110
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/08/2021

SCHEMES FOR WOMEN FARMER

2110. SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:

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

(a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to provide facilities to women farmers for the development of agriculture areas in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated and spent for the said purposes in the country during the last three years, State-wise including Rajasthan and UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide training to woman farmers to make them updated with latest farming technologies ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government to increase the participation of women farmers in agriculture sector ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b) : The guidelines of the various beneficiary oriented schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA &FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare provide that States and other Implementing Agencies to incur atleast 30% expenditure on women farmers. These schemes include Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms, National Food Security Mission, National Mission on Oilseed & Oil Palm, National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture, Sub-Mission for Seed and Planting Material, Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture.

The Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development launched a scheme namely 'Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)', as a sub component of DAY-NRLM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana — National Rural Livelihoods Mission). This scheme is being implemented since 2011 with the objective to empower women by making systematic investments to enhance their participation and productivity, as also create sustainable livelihoods of rural women. The program is implemented in project mode through State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM) as Project Implementing Agencies.

DAY-NRLM is a demand driven programme and there is no provision of State-wise allocation every year. Accordingly, based on the demand from State Rural Livelihoods Mission for implementation of MKSP through project mode, the State/UT wise fund released during the last three years including Rajasthan is given at **Annexure I**.

(c) & (d): In order to familiarize women with the latest techniques in agriculture and allied sectors, trainings are being imparted to women farmers under schemes of DA&FW and DAY-NRLM. These include Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA) under Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE). Skill training courses in agriculture and allied areas (of minimum 200 hours duration) are also being conducted for farmers including women farmers through National Training Institutes, State Agricultural Management & Extension Training (SAMETIs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), across the country. Under DAY-NRLM, the trainings on the agro-ecological practices are being provided through the community resource persons. KVKs established by Indian Council Agricultural Research (ICAR) impart training to farmers including women farmers on various aspects of agriculture and allied sectors.

(e): Government is taking various measures to increase the participation of women farmers in agriculture sector. This includes providing additional support and assistance to women farmers, over and above the male farmers under few schemes; provision of 30% of funds for women under various beneficiary oriented schemes/programmes; taking pro-women initiatives such as supporting farm women's food security groups, undertaking macro/micro level studies in critical thrust area related to women in agriculture, delivery of Gender Sensitization Module on Gender Learning through training programmes at National/Region/State Level, compilation and documentation of gender friendly tools/technologies; Farm Women Friendly Handbook and compilation of best practices/success stories of the women farmers, etc.

Annexure I

State/UT wise fund released under 'Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)' of Ministry of Rural Development during last three years:

(Rs. in crores)

State	Release 2018-19	Release 2019-20	Release 2020-21
Andhra Pradesh	9.73	0.00	0.00
Assam	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bihar	2.68	0.00	0.00
Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.00
Himachal Pradesh	0.19	0.00	0.00
Haryana	1.89	1.62	0.00
Jammu and Kashmir	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jharkhand	2.53	8.98	3.49
Karnataka	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kerala	7.44	0.00	0.00
Maharashtra	0.00	0.00	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meghalaya	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mizoram	0.00	0.46	0.00
Odisha	0.82	0.00	0.00
Puducherry	0.00	0.00	0.57
Rajasthan	6.45	0.00	0.00
Telangana	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tamil Nadu	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uttar Pradesh	20.60	0.00	0.00
West Bengal	0.92	0.52	0.00
Nagaland	2.35	0.00	2.35
Mutli State project	5.87	0.00	0.00
Arunachal Pradesh	4.13	0.00	4.12
Uttrakhand	0.00	0.00	0.67
Punjab	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	65.60	11.58	11.20

Note: MKSP in DAY-NRLM is a demand driven programme and there is no provision of State wise allocation for every year.

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