

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO- 142
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2021

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING TO WOMEN FARMERS

*142#. SHRI BRIJLAL:

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

- (a) the number of female farmers in the country;
- (b) whether Government has provided any technical assistance, training or any other kind of assistance to female farmers using that data and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, whether any such scheme which provides benefits to female farmers is under consideration, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PART (a) TO (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTIONNO. 142 FOR 10.12.2021 REGARDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING TO WOMEN FARMERS.

(a): As per the Census, 2011 conducted by the Registrar General of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, there are 3.60 crore female cultivators in the country.

(b) & (c): The Government is implementing various schemes and programmes for providing assistance to the farmers including female farmers with an inbuilt component for technical assistance and training in the agriculture and allied sectors as per eligibility and conditions existing in scheme guidelines.

In order to familiarize farmers including women farmers with latest technologies in agriculture and allied sectors, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms' popularly known as Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Scheme is under implementation in 691 districts of 28 States & 5 UTs of the country. The extension activities under ATMA include Farmers Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, KisanMelas, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and organizing Farm Schools, etc. The State-wise number of women farmers benefitted under various extension activities of ATMA in the year 2020-21 are at **Annexure I**.

A Central Sector Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) aims at providing financial assistance to landholding farmer families across the country, subject to certain exclusion criteria, 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/- each directly into the bank accounts of the eligible farmers including women farmers. Under the PM-KISAN Scheme, around 2.89 crore female beneficiaries have availed the benefit of the Scheme (till October, 2021).

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established 727 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the Country with the mandate of technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity development. The KVKs impart training to farmers including women farmers on various aspects of agriculture and allied sectors and also organize women specific activities on various topics like household food security by kitchen gardening and nutrition gardening; design and development of low/minimum cost diet; minimization of nutrient loss in processing; gender mainstreaming through Self Help Groups (SHGs); storage loss minimization techniques; processing and value addition; location specific drudgery reduction technologies; etc. The State-wise details of the women farmers trained by KVKs during 2020-21 are at **Annexure II**.

The Central Institute for Women in Agriculture (CIWA), Bhubaneswar under Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi is working with the mandate to undertake research on gender issues in agriculture and allied fields, through its 13 All India Coordinated Research Project Centers spread across 12 states in India.

The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) which is a sub-component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) since 2011 exclusively for women farmers. The primary objective of the MKSP is to empower women by making systematic investments to enhance their participation and productivity in agriculture based livelihoods, as also create and sustainable livelihoods of rural women. The program is implemented in project mode through the State Rural Livelihoods Missions (SRLMs) as Project Implementing Agencies. A total number of 13947387 women farmers have been associated with farm livelihoods intervention under DAY-NRLM including MKSP (as on 31st October 2021) . The State –wise details of the number of women benefited under DAY-NRLM including MKSP (as on 31st October 2021) is at **Annexure III**.

Annexure-I

State-wise number of women farmers benefitted under various extension activities of ATMA in the year 2020-21

S. NO.	STATE	WOMEN BENEFICIARIES
1	Andhra Pradesh	102331
2	Bihar	47007
3	Chhatisgarh	28289
4	Goa	0
5	Gujarat	84268
6	Haryana	7212
7	H.P	8864
8	J & K	0
9	Jharkhand	16171
10	Karnataka	46914
11	Kerala	11316
12	Maharashtra	40806
13	M.P.	5323
14	Odisha	15345
15	Punjab	2757
16	Rajasthan	22110
17	Telangana	8106
18	Tamil Nadu	144198
19	Uttar Pradesh	188047
20	Uttarakhand	18556
21	West Bengal	46450
22	Assam	990
23	Arunachal Pradesh	20300
24	Manipur	4549
25	Meghalaya	3155
26	Mizoram	1554
27	Nagaland	29144
28	Tripura	2948
29	Sikkim	2657
30	Delhi	50
31	Puducherry	1117
32	A&N	2271
33	Ladakh	5479
	Total	918284

Annexure -II

State-wise number of women farmers trained by KVKs during 2020-21

S.No.	Name of State	2020-21	
		No. of Courses	No. of women farmers
1	A & N Island	42	731
2	Andhra Pradesh	1459	16853
3	Arunachal Pradesh	655	10927
4	Assam	1146	14810
5	Bihar	3473	25073
6	Chhattisgarh	1822	17917
7	Delhi	37	171
8	Goa	50	557
9	Gujarat	1807	24100
10	Haryana	1802	16003
11	Himanchal Pradesh	592	7761
12	Jammu & Kashmir	750	4197
13	Jharkhand	1811	22494
14	Karnataka	2141	21485
15	Kerala	1133	17761
16	Ladakh	224	4187
17	Lakshadweep	8	125
18	Madhya Pradesh	2727	21686
19	Maharashtra	3056	34043
20	Manipur	357	4697
21	Meghalaya	779	9362
22	Mizoram	468	6868
23	Nagaland	478	7589
24	Odisha	1402	13447
25	Puducherry	69	897
26	Punjab	1105	5255
27	Rajasthan	4012	28493
28	Sikkim	185	2611
29	Tamil Nadu	2552	35265
30	Telangana	831	10010
31	Tripura	259	2094
32	Uttar Pradesh	6433	33664
33	Uttarakhand	468	5727
34	West Bengal	1503	13789
	Total	45636	440649

Annexure -III

State-wise number of women farmers associated with farm livelihoods intervention under DAY-NRLM including MKSP(as on 31st October 2021)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Number of Mahila Kisans
1	Andaman Nicobar	489
2	Andhra Pradesh	1540808
3	Arunachal Pradesh	2997
4	Assam	659622
5	Bihar	500028
6	Chhattisgarh	605975
7	Gujarat	376541
8	Goa	0
9	Haryana	29600
10	Himachal Pradesh	32256
11	Jammu and Kashmir	28810
12	Jharkhand	1451421
13	Karnataka	48930
14	Kerala	437598
15	Maharashtra	2287893
16	Manipur	5071
17	Meghalaya	20138
18	Mizoram	35700
19	Madhya Pradesh	1129008
20	Nagaland	17438
21	Odisha	931303
22	Punjab	32510
23	Rajasthan	486863
24	Sikkim	7307
25	Tamil Nadu	317570
26	Telangana	1049146
27	Tripura	40646
28	Uttar Pradesh	926855
29	Uttarakhand	45712
30	West Bengal	894289
31	Puducherry	4863
	Total	13947387
