

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 260
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/03/2023

PROMOTING STARTUPS IN AGRICULTURE

*260#. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

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

- (a) whether Government has made any plan to promote Startups related to agriculture;
- (b) if so, the total number of Startups related to agriculture, supported through these schemes during the last two years;
- (c) whether Government is providing economic assistance to these Startups;
- (d) if so, the total amount of economic assistance provided during the last two years;
- and
- (e) the details of Startups related to agriculture registered in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

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

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 260 FOR 24.03.2023 REGARDING PROMOTING STARTUPS IN AGRICULTURE.

(a) to (e): The Government of India, is committed to the development of Agri-startups in the country. Due to the tremendous support given by the Government of India , the numbers of startups in Agri and allied sectors have reached to more than 7000 in 2022-23 from less than 50 before 2014-15.

The Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing "Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development" programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) from 2018-19 with an objective to promote innovation and agri-entrepreneurship by providing financial support and nurturing an incubation ecosystem in the country. Five Knowledge Partners (KPs) and twenty four RKVY-Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) have been appointed for incubation of startups and implementation of this programme across the country.

Under the programme, the financial support is provided to entrepreneurs in the field of agriculture & allied sector to set up their startups. For this, a financial support of Rs. 5.00 lakh is provided at the idea/pre seed stage and Rs. 25 lakh at the seed stage. So far, a total of 1138 agri startups have been supported under the programme with financial assistance of Rs. 70.30 crores.

The total numbers of 865 agri startups are supported with financial assistance of Rs.54.15 crores in last two years in this programme. Under which, financial assistance of Rs. 2.00 crore has been provided for 22 startups in the State of Uttar Pradesh in last two years. The details are enclosed at Annexure-I.

Further, this Department is setting up an "Accelerator Fund" of Rs. 500 crore for five years commencing from 2023-24 to encourage the young entrepreneurs to setup agri-startups; to bring affordable and innovative solutions for the challenges faced by farmers and also to bring in modern technologies to transform agricultural practices thereby increasing productivity and profitability.

**Statement in respect of Rajya Sabha Starred question No. 260 -
Details of agri-startups in Uttar Pradesh during the last two years**

S. No.	Knowledge Partner/ RKVY- Agri Business Incubator	Year	Startup name	Focus Area
1	Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)	2020-2021	M/S M-Lense Research Private Limited	Precision agriculture
2	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	Agro-based Adhesive	Waste to Wealth & Green Energy in Agriculture
3	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	Allelopathic Herbicides	Agricultural Inputs & Biotechnology
4	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	Jalodari LLP	Agricultural Inputs & Biotechnology
5	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	TGT Global Development Services PVT LTD	Waste to Wealth & Green Energy in Agriculture
6	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	Eco char LLP	Waste to Wealth & Green Energy in Agriculture
7	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	Farmisto LLP	Supply Chain & Agriculture Logistics
8	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	Kashgro Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.	Agricultural Inputs & Biotechnology
9	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	CAN Analytics Pvt. Ltd.	Supply Chain & Agriculture Logistics
10	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	Unnat Krishi Evam Herbal Techno Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	Farm Mechanization
11	ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	Medjivan Healthcare (OPC) Pvt. Ltd.	Precision agriculture
12	ICAR-IVRI, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	Rudra Agro Live Stock Pvt. Ltd.	Precision agriculture
13	ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh	2020-2021	Tant Mieux Technologies Pvt Ltd	Precision agriculture
14	IIM, Kashipur, Uttarakhand	2020-2021	Padli Essentials Oil Company	Post-Harvest, Food Technology & Value Addition

15	IARI	2021-2022	Amalfarm Solutions Private Limited	Supply Chain & Agriculture Logistics
16	IARI	2021-2022	Dharaksha Ecosolutions Private Limited	Waste to Wealth & Green Energy in Agriculture
17	IARI	2021-2022	NUEVO FARM SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED	Precision Agriculture
18	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana	2021-2022	Prakshep Pvt Ltd	Precision Agriculture
19	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	2021-2022	Gir Organics Private Limited	Agriculture Allied Sectors
20	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	2021-2022	Fleetblue Pvt. Ltd.	Farm Mechanization
21	Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Hisar, Haryana	2021-2022	Yopun Solutions Private Limited	Precision agriculture
22	Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Hisar, Haryana	2021-2022	Krishi Gurukulam Private Limited	Agriculture Extension & Education
