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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 1945**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17/03/2023

**SCHEMES FOR WOMEN FARMERS**

1945. SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:

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

- (a) whether 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 five years, State-wise /UT-wise;
- (c) whether 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 Government is implementing various schemes and programmes for the farmers including women farmers as per eligibility and conditions existing in scheme guidelines.

The guidelines of the various beneficiary oriented schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) provide that States and other implementing agencies should incur expenditure on women farmers. These schemes include Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oilseed & Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Sub-Mission for Seed and Planting Material (SMSP), Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

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 and 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. Accordingly, based on the demand from SRLM for implementation of MKSP through project mode, the State/UT wise fund released during the last five years 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 MoA&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.

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 All India Coordinated Research Project Centers (AICRP) in India. The Institute is also conducting trainings on women-friendly technologies/ drudgery reducing tools & equipments, income generation and nutritional security for women working in crop science, horticulture, livestock, fisheries, backyard poultry and occupational safety and health of farm women through institute projects as well as AICRP.

(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 funds for women under various beneficiary oriented schemes/programmes; taking pro-women initiatives such as supporting farm women's food security groups, provision of one Coordinator (State/Gender Coordinator) under ATMA component of SMAE, undertaking macro/micro level studies in critical thrust areas 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 SashaktikaranPariyojana (MKSP)' of Ministry of Rural Development during last five years:**

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	State/ Release	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	9.73	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	Assam	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	Bihar	0.00	2.68	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	Chhattisgarh	9.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	Gujarat	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	Himachal Pradesh	0.30	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	Haryana	0.00	1.89	1.62	0.00	0.00
8	Jammu and Kashmir	2.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	Jharkhand	13.81	2.53	8.98	3.49	0.00
10	Karnataka	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Kerala	0.00	7.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	Maharashtra	20.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Meghalaya	0.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	Mizoram	1.62	0.00	0.46	0.00	1.69
16	Odisha	0.89	0.82	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	Union Territory of Puducherry	0.58	0.00	0.00	1.14	0.00
18	Rajasthan	6.24	6.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Telangana	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Tamil Nadu	6.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	20.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
22	West Bengal	0.49	0.92	0.52	0.00	0.00
23	Nagaland	0.00	2.35	0.00	2.35	1.23
24	Mutli State project	0.00	5.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	4.13	0.00	4.12	0.00
26	Uttrakhnad	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.00
27	Punjab	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.48
	Total	63.76	65.60	11.58	11.77	3.40

**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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