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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. -2747
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/03/2023

MECHANISATION OF AGRICULTURE IN BIHAR

2747. Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha:

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to transfer the Rs. 600 crore grant towards mechanisation of agriculture in Bihar within special package announced by the Prime Minister in 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Government is planning to take any steps to boost mechanisation of agriculture in Bihar; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) is being implemented in all the States and Union Territories including the State of Bihar with the major objectives of increasing the reach of farm mechanization to small and marginal farmers and to the regions where availability of farm power is low & promoting 'Custom Hiring Centres' to offset the adverse economies of scale arising due to small landholding and high cost of individual ownership of agricultural machines. Financial requirements towards farm mechanization including the Prime Ministers Package for Bihar, 2015 are being met under SMAM. Based on proposals received from the State Government of Bihar and taking into consideration the unspent balances with the State, the year-wise central funds released since 2014-15 is given as under:

S. No.	Year	Funds released (Rs. in Crores)
1.	2014-15	9.01
2.	2015-16	0.00
3.	2016-17	14.00
4.	2017-18	0.00
5.	2018-19	25.00
6.	2019-20	0.00
7.	2020-21	31.92
8.	2021-22	0.00
9.	2022-23	15.00

As per the information received from the State of Bihar, more than 28500 numbers of agricultural machines have been distributed to the farmers on subsidy, more than 1035 Custom Hiring Centres/Farm Machinery Banks have been established for providing machines and equipments to the farmers on rental basis.
