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AGRICULTURE START-UPS IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of agriculture Start-ups in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the policies and schemes implemented by Government to promote the agriculture Start- up ecosystem in the country;
- (c) the number of Start-ups as on 31st March, 2024 that availed Government's assistance; and
- (d) the contributions of the Start-ups in terms of innovation and adaptability in farming techniques?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a): The state-wise list of agriculture start-ups in the country supported under “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” programme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is at Annexure.

(b): The Government of India is committed to promote Agri-startups by providing financial and technical support to agri-startups in agriculture and allied sectors. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (MoA & 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 and technical support for nurturing startups ecosystem in the country. So far, 5 Knowledge Partners (KPs) and 24 RKVY Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) have been set up for training & incubation of agri-startups and implementation of this programme.

Under the programme, the financial support upto Rs. 5.00 lakh is provided at the idea/pre seed stage and upto Rs. 25 lakh at the seed stage to entrepreneurs/ startups in the field of agriculture & allied sector to launch their products, services, business platforms, etc into the market and facilitate them to scale up their products and operations. Start-ups are trained and incubated by these Knowledge Partners (KPs) and RKVY Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) set up under the programme. Government of India organizes various national level programmes including agri-startup conclave, agri fair and exhibitions, webinars, workshops to provide a platform for the promotion of agri startups by linking them with various stakeholders.

Besides, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare, Government of India has approved to set up an Agri Accelerator Fund of INR 300 crore for 3 years commencing from 2023-24 to nurture the agriculture start-up ecosystem. The Agri Accelerator Fund will help scale up start-ups with innovative technologies having the potential to modernize the agriculture ecosystem of the country.

(c): So far, 1708 agri startups in various field of agriculture & allied sector have been supported with technical and financial assistance of Rs. 122.50 crores released in installments to various KPs and R-ABIs from 2019-20 to 2023-24 for funding these start-ups under the "Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development" programme under RKVY.

(d): Agri-start-ups supported under the programme are at various stage of implementation from idea to scaling and growth stage. These agri-startups are working in different areas of agriculture & allied sectors such as precision agriculture, farm mechanization, agri logistics & supply chain, waste to wealth, organic farming, animal husbandry, dairy & fisheries, etc. The emerging technologies and products developed by Agri- startups are providing various affordable and innovative solutions by modernizing farming techniques in agriculture and allied sectors in the country. These startups are leveraging cutting-edge technology, data analytics, and sustainable practices to address the various challenges faced by traditional farming methods.

Annexure

The details of State/UT-wise agriculture start-ups in the country supported under “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” RKVY.

Sl. No.	States and UTs	Total number of startups
1	Andhra Pradesh	61
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13
3	Assam	49
4	Bihar	48
5	Chhattisgarh	79
6	Goa	2
7	Gujarat	47
8	Haryana	84
9	Himachal Pradesh	33
10	Jammu & Kashmir	24
11	Jharkhand	7
12	Karnataka	211
13	Kerala	97
14	Madhya Pradesh	68
15	Maharashtra	226
16	Manipur	22
17	Meghalaya	2
18	Mizoram	25
19	Nagaland	2
20	Odisha	61
21	Punjab	52
22	Rajasthan	66
23	Tamil Nadu	137
24	Telangana	98
25	Tripura	13
26	Uttar Pradesh	86
27	Uttarakhand	32
28	West Bengal	17
29	Delhi NCR	41
30	Andman and Nicobar	1
31	Chandigarh	3
32	Pondicherry	1
Total		1708
