

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2085
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/12/2024

EX-SITU MANAGEMENT OF PADDY CHAFF

2085. SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Government has revised crop residue management guidelines to enable efficient ex-situ management of paddy chaff produced in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount of financial assistance provided by Government for setting up paddy chaff supply chains;
- (c) whether these paddy chaff supply chains will benefit farmers and also industries using paddy chaff; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d): The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, (DA&FW) is implementing Crop Residue Management Scheme from 2018-19 to support efforts of the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh & NCT of Delhi to address air pollution caused due to paddy stubble burning and to subsidize machinery required for management of crop residue.

With a view to enable efficient ex-situ management of paddy straw generated in these States, provisions have been incorporated under the Crop Residue Management Scheme from 2023-24 to establish projects for paddy straw supply chain with financial assistance @ 65% on the capital cost of machinery costing up to Rs. 1.50 crores. This financial assistance is provided to farmers, group of farmers, rural entrepreneurs, cooperative societies of farmers, Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) & Panchayats for purchase of machines like Higher HP Tractor, Cutters, Tedder, Medium to Large Balers, Rakers, Loaders, Grabbers and Telehandlers etc. The intervention aims at establishing a robust supply chain of paddy straw for various end user industries in biomass power generation and biofuel sectors. It also helps the farmers in disposal of paddy straw without burning and the farmers get an additional income from selling of paddy straw.
