

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 312**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28/03/2025

**SCHEMES/INITIATIVES FOR SUPPORTING AGRI-BASED ENTREPRENEURS**

\*312. SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:

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

- (a) whether Government has introduced any schemes/initiatives for supporting agri-based entrepreneurs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details regarding the list of schemes/programs introduced and implemented by Government for supporting agripreneurs;
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries of such schemes/programs across the country State wise and district-wise in Andhra Pradesh and in Nellore District;
- (d) the total amount of funding allocated and utilized over the last three years for agripreneurs, State-wise, particularly, in Andhra Pradesh;
- (e) whether Government have undertaken any campaigns to raise awareness regarding agripreneurs, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN )

- (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. 312 FOR 28/03/2025 REGARDING SCHEMES/INITIATIVES FOR SUPPORTING AGRI BASED ENTREPRENEURS.**

(a) to (c): Yes, the Government has introduced several schemes to support agri-based entrepreneurs (agripreneurs) with the objective of promoting innovation, value addition, employment generation, and entrepreneurship in the agriculture and allied sectors. The major schemes for supporting agripreneurs include the following:

“Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development programme” under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY), aims to promote innovation and agri-entrepreneurship by providing financial and technical support to agri based startups. 5 Knowledge Partners (KPs) and 24 RKVY Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) have been designated as Programme Implementing Agencies (PIA) to provide training & incubate startups under this scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 124.96 crore has been released to 1749 agri startups through various KPs and R-ABIs. The state –wise details of number of startups, including 62 startups in Andhra Pradesh , under the programme is at Annexure-I.

AgriSURE scheme has been launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024 to support start-ups for agriculture & rural enterprise through NABVENTURES Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). It is implemented through a Category II Alternative Investment Fund registered with SEBI to promote investments in innovative, technology driven, high-risk, high-impact activities in agriculture and allied areas.

The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) scheme supports agri-based entrepreneurs with medium to long-term debt financing, for post-harvest infrastructure and community farming assets. It encourages innovation by supporting technology-driven solutions and offers a long repayment tenure of up to seven years, ensuring business sustainability. The scheme benefits startups, agripreneurs, farmers, FPOs and cooperatives by offering loans of up to ₹2 crore per project with an interest subvention of 3% per annum. Entrepreneurs can use the funds for setting up warehouses, cold storage, silos, processing units, and modern supply chain infrastructure.

Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC) are being implemented since April, 2002 to supplement the efforts of public extension, support agricultural development and create gainful self-employment opportunities. The programme promotes involvement of trained agripreneurs in providing advisory and extension services to the farmers in agriculture and allied areas through self-employment ventures with financial supports.

Under the AC&ABC programme, so far 92,212 candidates have been trained out of which 40,381 have established their agriventures and 3928 agriventures have been extended subsidy. In Andhra Pradesh, so far, 1793 candidates have been trained under AC&ABC programme, of which 516 have established their agriventures and 22 have been extended subsidy. In Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh, so far 42 candidates have been trained under AC&ABC scheme and 16 have established their Agriventures. The details of state and district wise candidates trained and agriventures established under the AC&ABC programme is at Annexure-II and III.

(d): Under the Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development programme of PM-RKVY, the funds are not released state-wise but it is allocated and released KPs / R-ABIs wise situated in different States. The details of KPs/R-ABIs wise fund allocated and released for agripreneurs during the last three years 2021-22 to 2023-24 is attached at Annexure-IV. So far, only one startup has been trained in Nellore district. However, no startup has been funded in the district of Nellore.

Under the AC&ABC scheme, there is no fund allocation State –wise. The details of fund allocated& utilized during the last three years under the scheme attached at Annexure-V.

The details of the beneficiaries supported under the AIF scheme is attached at Annexure-VI

Under the AgriSURE scheme, so far no funds have been released to agri-preneurs.

(e): Government of India organizes various national level programmes including agri-startup conclave, agri fair and exhibitions, webinars & workshops to create awareness campaign about the programme and to promote agri startups by linking them with various stakeholders. Awareness and campaigning programmes are also undertaken by KP/RABIs and other incubators through advertising on their websites, print& electronic media, social media, startups & investors meets ,boot camps, startup & farmers meet, workshops, trainings, etc.

**Annexure-I**

**The details of State/UT-wise agriculture start-ups in the country including in Andhra Pradesh supported during 2019-20 to 2024-25 by KPs and R-ABIs under the “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” of PM- RKVY is as under:**

Sl. No.	States	Total number of startups
1	Andhra Pradesh	62
2	Arunachal Pradesh	13
3	Assam	50
4	Bihar	49
5	Chhattisgarh	80
6	Goa	3
7	Gujarat	49
8	Haryana	87
9	Himachal Pradesh	34
10	Jammu & Kashmir	24
11	Jharkhand	7
12	Karnataka	211
13	Kerala	99
14	Madhya Pradesh	69
15	Maharashtra	231
16	Manipur	22
17	Meghalaya	2
18	Mizoram	25
19	Nagaland	2
20	Odisha	62
21	Punjab	52
22	Rajasthan	71
23	Tamil Nadu	143
24	Telangana	99
25	Tripura	13
26	Uttar Pradesh	88
27	Uttarakhand	33
28	West Bengal	22
29	Delhi NCR	42
30	Andman and Nicobar	1
31	Chandigarh	3
32	Pondicherry	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1749</b>

## Annexure-II

### State wise number of Beneficiaries under Agri-Clinics and Agri - Business Centres (AC&ABC) programme

S. No	Name of the State	Candidates Trained	Agriventures Established	Agriventures subsidy extended
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	1793	516	22
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	48	3	4
3	ASSAM	845	281	106
4	BIHAR	4547	1627	24
5	CHANDIGARH	4	2	0
6	CHHATTISGARH	1001	425	34
7	DELHI	44	6	0
8	GOA	18	10	1
9	GUJARAT	2309	916	36
10	HARYANA	753	251	75
11	HIMACHAL PRADESH	431	112	58
12	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1556	191	10
13	JHARKHAND	825	222	14
14	KARNATAKA	4807	1948	374
15	KERALA	280	67	24
16	MADHYA PRADESH	5627	2567	194
17	MAHARASHTRA	25262	12665	730
18	MANIPUR	522	135	24
19	MEGHALAYA	37	4	1
20	MIZORAM	52	2	2
21	NAGALAND	187	22	23
22	ODISHA	643	116	3
23	PONDICHERRY	157	88	0
24	PUNJAB	671	225	13
25	RAJASTHAN	5069	1958	39
26	SIKKIM	9	1	1
27	TAMIL NADU	9848	4913	453
28	TELANGANA	2373	664	158
29	TRIPURA	6	2	1
30	UTTAR PRADESH	20611	9887	1389
31	UTTARAKHAND	608	212	60
32	WEST BENGAL	1269	343	55
	<b>Total</b>	<b>92212</b>	<b>40381</b>	<b>3928</b>

In Andhra Pradesh, so far, 1793 candidates have been trained under Agri-Clinics and Agri - Business Centres programme of which 516 have been established their agriventures of which 22 have been extended with subsidy.

### Annexure-III

#### District Wise number of Beneficiaries under AC&ABC scheme in Andhra Pradesh

S. No.	Name of the State/District	Candidates trained	Ventures Established
1.	Kurnool	409	120
2.	Guntur	217	71
3.	Anantapur	184	22
4.	Cuddapah	128	26
5.	Krishna	128	49
6.	Prakasam	112	29
7.	Visakhapatnam	107	41
8.	West Godavari	93	31
9.	Vizianagaram	89	28
10.	East Godavari	85	36
11.	Chittoor	81	21
12.	Srikakulam	77	24
13.	Nellore	42	16
14.	Spsr Nellore	11	1
15.	Y.S.R.	8	-
16.	Visakhapatnam	5	-
17.	NTR	4	-
18.	Anamaya	4	-
19.	Sri Sathya Sai	2	-
20.	Badvel	2	-
21.	Anakapalli	1	1
22.	Krishna	1	-
23.	Kakinada	1	-
24.	Palnadu	1	-
25.	Eluru	1	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1793</b>	<b>516</b>

In Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh, so far 42 candidates have been trained under AC&ABC scheme of which 16 have established their Agriventures.

**Annexure-IV**

**The details of KPs/R-ABIs wise fund allocated and released for agripreneurs /startups during the last three years 2021-22 to 2023-24 under the Innovation and Agri-entrepreneurship programme of PM-RKVY**

**(Rs. In lakhs)**

Sl No.	Incubators (KPs & R-ABIs)	Total 2021-22 to 2023-24		
		Startups selected	Funds allocated	Total Fund released
1	Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) Pusa, New Delhi	106	1545.00	1424.40
2	National Institute of Agricultural Marketing(NIAM) Jaipur, Rajasthan	55	759.00	504.20
3	National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad	99	974.00	833.20
4	Assam Agriculture University (AAU) , Assam	31	323.50	238.97
5	University of Agriculture Science , Dharwad, Karnataka	51	490.40	515.67
	<b>Total selected startups of KPs</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>4091.90</b>	<b>3516.44</b>
1	Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Hisar, Haryana	34	369.00	280.00
2	CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishvavidyalaya, Himachal Pradesh	11	143.00	130.40
3	Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh	57	701.00	425.80
4	IIM, Kashipur, Uttarakhand	35	459.00	473.40
5	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	20	251.00	192.60
6	ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh	6	87.75	187.50
7	Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh	29	243.00	178.00
8	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab	48	612.00	523.10
9	Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu & Kashmir	7	95.00	42.00
10	College of Fisheries, Lembucherra, Tripura	17	118.00	69.40
11	College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Mizoram	13	84.00	61.40
12	College of horticulture and forestry, Arunachal Pradesh	7	75.00	62.00
13	S K N Agriculture University, Jobner, Rajasthan	33	427.00	259.80
14	ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad, Telangana	78	877.95	382.98

15	Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala	68	901.60	625.06
16	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu	58	679.00	450.20
17	Agri innovation and entrepreneurship cell, ANGRAU, Andhra Pradesh	42	349.40	284.30
18	ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology, Mumbai, Maharashtra	37	496.25	325.40
19	Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat	25	194.00	91.00
20	Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola, Maharashtra	6	26.85	51.51
21	National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics(NIVEDI),Bengaluru, Karnataka	52	549.00	307.20
22	National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack, Odisha	19	199.00	89.00
23	Indian Institute of Management (IIT), Kharagpur, West Bengal	0	0.00	0.00
24	Bihar Agricultural University, Bhagalpur, Bihar	18	256.00	186.20
<b>Total final selection &amp; funded startups of R-ABIs</b>		<b>720</b>	<b>8193.80</b>	<b>5678.25</b>
<b>Total finally selected startups of all KPs &amp; R-ABIs</b>		<b>1062</b>	<b>12285.70</b>	<b>9194.69</b>



**Annexure-V**

The details of fund allocated utilized during the last three years under the AC&ABC scheme.

(Rs. in crores)

Sl.No.	Year	Fund allocated (RE)	Fund utilized
1.	2021-22	26.48	26.48
2.	2022-23	29.00	29.00
3.	2023-24	29.00	29.00

## Annexure-VI

District wise AIF Sanctioned to Agri-Entrepreneur in the State of Andhra Pradesh

(Amount in Rs Crore)

S.N	District	Sanctioned No.	Sanctioned Amount
1	East Godavari	117	194
2	Guntur	67	179
3	Krishna	46	102
4	Palnadu	42	88
5	West Godavari	92	85
6	Eluru	63	70
7	Kakinada	66	68
8	Sri Potti Sriramulu Nellore	50	54
9	Bapatla	49	50
10	Nandyal	67	47
11	Tirupati	24	46
12	Vizianagaram	93	45
13	Srikakulam	109	45
14	Kurnool	44	36
15	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	32	35
16	Ananthapuramu	16	34
17	Chittoor	16	34
18	Prakasam	24	33
19	Ntr	24	31
20	Parvathipuram Manyam	41	28
21	Y.S.R.	27	20
22	Visakhapatnam	18	15
23	Anakapalli	27	14
24	Alluri Sitharama Raju	2	3
25	Annamayya	6	2
26	Sri Sathya Sai	1	0.06
	Grand Total	1163	1357

\*Information is based on the applications received on AIF portal.

Last Three Years Sanctioned under AIF

	Year	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
S.N	State / UT	Sanctioned No	Sanctioned Amount	Sanctioned No	Sanctioned Amount	Sanctioned No	Sanctioned Amount
1	Madhya Pradesh	2,686	2,061	2,747	2,050	3,945	2,037
2	Maharashtra	2,699	1,359	3,551	2,380	3,187	2,501
3	Rajasthan	517	590	865	1,266	1,107	741
4	Gujarat	781	678	986	1,261	1,344	1,658

	Year	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
S.N	State / UT	Sanctioned No	Sanctioned Amount	Sanctioned No	Sanctioned Amount	Sanctioned No	Sanctioned Amount
5	Uttar Pradesh	1,196	844	2,411	2,594	4,154	2,547
6	Haryana	538	458	1,924	1,415	2,699	1,213
7	Punjab	1,911	554	9,919	2,403	9,676	2,037
8	Telangana	731	523	759	1,431	787	885
9	Karnataka	926	610	983	1,319	1,007	1,146
10	Andhra Pradesh	422	320	31	524	841	352
11	West Bengal	708	353	1,618	984	2,209	753
12	Tamil Nadu	694	411	5,102	722	1,506	939
13	Chhattisgarh	321	323	390	595	864	710
14	Odisha	282	180	679	564	1,420	717
15	Assam	164	183	211	515	115	176
16	Bihar	419	206	375	435	596	489
17	Kerala	574	213	976	367	1,256	392
18	Uttarakhand	105	98	84	191	174	199
19	Jharkhand	91	39	104	202	173	186
20	Himachal Pradesh	145	42	176	84	220	61
21	Jammu And Kashmir	44	25	29	171	89	147
22	Delhi	2	2	3	6	1	0.05
23	Goa	8	7	9	3	8	30
24	Meghalaya	1	2	1	6	1	2
25	Chandigarh	1	2	-	4	3	3
26	Arunachal Pradesh	1	2	2	2	-	-
27	Tripura	2	2	3	8	4	4
28	Nagaland	1	2	1	1	-	-
29	The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	1	1	-	-	-	-
30	Puducherry	1	1	1	1	3	2

Last three years sanctions to Agri-Entrepreneurs and Start-ups under AIF scheme:

Year	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
Beneficiary Type	Sanctioned No.	Sanctioned Amount	Sanctioned No.	Sanctioned Amount	Sanctioned No.	Sanctioned Amount
Agri-Entrepreneur	9187	7,746	12,862	16,995	15,256	14,337
Startup	584	371	799	904	617	546

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