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

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 499

## TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07/02/2025

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF PILOT PROJECTS UNDER DAM

#### 499. DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

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

- (a) whether Government has launched Digital Agriculture Mission (DAM) to transform agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details of its objectives, financial outlay and components like Agristack and Agriculture Decision Support System (DSS); and
- (c) the progress made in its implementation including pilot projects in States like Maharashtra and the benefits expected to accrue to farmers?

#### **ANSWER**

# THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

The Government has approved the Digital Agriculture Mission on 2<sup>nd</sup> (a) to (c): September 2024 with an outlay of Rs. 2817 Crore. The Mission seeks to enable a robust digital agriculture ecosystem in the country for driving innovative farmer-centric digital solutions and making available timely and reliable crop-related information to all the farmers in the country. The Mission envisages the creation of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for Agriculture viz. Agristack, Krishi Decision Support System, Comprehensive Soil Fertility & Profile Map and other IT initiatives undertaken by Central Governments/State Governments. Agristack project is one of the major components of this Mission, which consists of three foundational registries or databases in the agriculture sector, i.e., the Farmers' Registry, Geo-referenced village maps and the Crop Sown Registry, all created and maintained by the State Governments/ Union Territories. The Government is providing administrative and technical support to all the States Governments for implementation of the Mission. As on 03.02.2025, a total of 195,44,648 Farmer IDs have been created, including 20,13,166 Farmer IDs in the State of Maharashtra. Digital Crop Survey (DCS) has been undertaken in 461 Districts during Kharif Season 2024. Agristack provides comprehensive and useful data on farmers' demographic details, land holdings, and crop sown, enabling farmers to digitally identify and authenticate them for accessing benefits and services such as credit, insurance, procurement etc.

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