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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. -2250
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/08/2025

IMPLEMENTATION OF NAMO DRONE DIDI SCHEME

2250. DR. AJEET MADHAVRAO GOPCHADE:

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

- (a) whether Government has implemented the Namo Drone Didi scheme as a Central Sector Scheme for providing drones to women Self Help Groups (SHGs) with an outlay of ₹ 1261 crore for the period 2023-24 to 2025-26;
- (b) whether the objective of this scheme is to provide business and livelihood support to SHGs and to utilize the drones made available to them for offering rental services to farmers for spraying liquid fertilizers and pesticides; and
- (c) the details of business and livelihood support provided to SHGs in Maharashtra so far under the said scheme?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): Namo Drone Didi has been approved by the Government as Central Sector Scheme for providing drones to the Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) with an outlay of Rs. 1261 Crores for the period from 2023-24 to 2025-26. The major objectives of the scheme is to promote advance technology in agriculture for improved efficiency, enhanced crop yield & reduced cost of operation and to empower SHGs as drone service providers for increasing their income and providing livelihood support to them. Lead Fertilizer Companies (LFCs) have distributed 1094 drones to drone didis of SHGs in 2023-24 using their internal resources. Out of these 1094 drones, 500 drones have been distributed under the Namo Drone Didi Scheme. As per the information provided by the Commissionerate of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra, the LFCs have supplied drones to 47 SHGs in the State of Maharashtra for application of Nano Fertilizers. The study conducted by Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation Centre (ADRTC), Bangalore indicate that the drones provided by the LFCs to the SHGs has expanded their niche to modern agricultural practices through drone technology, enhancing their efficiency and productivity. Overall, the adoption of drones has diversified SHG activities, improved agricultural practices, and increased income opportunities for women in rural communities.
