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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3205
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/03/2026

SCHEME TO PROVIDE DRONE TECHNOLOGY TO WOMEN SHGs

3205. SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to provide drone technology to 15,000 women Self-Help Groups (SHGs);
- (b) if so, the number of women SHGs selected or benefitted so far under the scheme, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated and released for this initiative?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Government has approved 'Namo Drone Didi' as Central Sector Scheme for providing 15,000 drones to the selected Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) with an outlay of Rs. 1261 Crores. The Lead Fertilizer Companies (LFCs) were mandated to procure first 500 drones for distribution to selected SHGs. As per the information provided by the Department of Fertilizers, LFCs have distributed 1094 drones to drone didis of SHGs in 2023-24. The State wise details are indicated in Annexure-I.

State wise details of SHGs who have been provided drones by the LFCs

S. No	State Name	No. of SHGs provided with the Drones by LFCs
1.	Andhra Pradesh	108
2.	Assam	28
3.	Bihar	32
4.	Chhattisgarh	15
5.	Goa	1
6.	Gujarat	58
7.	Haryana	102
8.	Himachal Pradesh	4
9.	J&K	2
10.	Jharkhand	15
11.	Karnataka	145
12.	Kerala	51
13.	Madhya Pradesh	89
14.	Maharashtra	60
15.	Odisha	16
16.	Punjab	57
17.	Rajasthan	40
18.	Tamil Nadu	44
19.	Telangana	81
20.	Uttar Pradesh	128
21.	Uttarakhand	3
22.	West Bengal	15
Total		1094
