

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4267**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017

**KRISHAK MITRA**

4267. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of farmers friend/ Krishak Mitra identified and associated with expansion of agriculture in the country including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government has any provision to increase funds/budget for imparting training to "Krishak Mitra" in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of specific works done by the Government for training of Krishak Mitra?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): The Scheme 'Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms(ATMA),' a component of Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)" under "National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET)" is under implementation in 652 districts of 29 states & 3 UTs of the country including 51 districts of Madhya Pradesh. 125333 Farmer Friends (FF) including 23275 FF in Madhya Pradesh have been identified in the States and associated with expansion of agriculture in the country. The State-wise details of Farmer Friends (FF) identified under the Scheme including Madhya Pradesh is given in Annexure-1.

(b) & (c): The State Governments depute Farmer Friends for training & Exposure visits as per ATMA Scheme provisions. Para-2.10(ii) of ATMA Scheme Guidelines provides that Farmer Friend (FF) would be provided with special opportunity for upgradation of skills through Trainings, Study Tours and visits to State Agricultural Universities/other Institutes by utilizing support available under the Scheme. The cost norm prescribed in the ATMA Cafeteria, 2014 for Inter-State Training of Farmers is Rs.1250/- per farmer per day and for Inter-State Exposure Visit of Farmers is Rs.800/- per farmer per day.

**State-wise details of Farmer Friends**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Farmer Friends identified</b>
1	Arunachal Pradesh	950
2	Assam	337
3	A&N Islands	250
4	Chhattisgarh	9004
5	Gujarat	8500
6	Jammu & Kashmir	440
7	Jharkhand	14400
8	Maharashtra	20479
9	Madhya Pradesh	23275
10	Meghalaya	3412
11	Mizoram	357
12	Nagaland	650
13	Orissa	12468
14	Punjab	6188
15	Rajasthan	16360
16	Sikkim	83
17	Tamilnadu	8180
<b>TOTAL: -</b>		<b>125333</b>

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