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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2455 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JANUARY, 2018

WOMEN FARMERS

2455. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI: SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTLA:

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

- (a) whether the various policies/ schemes are in place for promoting farmers in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether 30 per cent of funds under various schemes of the Ministry are earmarked for women farmers and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilised for promotion of women farmers during the last two years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the number of women farmers who have been trained in agriculture related fields under various central schemes during the said period?

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 Government is realigning its interventions to move from production-centric to farmers' income-centric platform. In order to realise net positive returns for the farmer, schemes as follows, are being promoted and implemented in a major way, viz:- Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme; Neem Coated Urea (NCU); Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY); Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY); National Agriculture Market scheme (e-NAM); Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY); National Food Security Mission (NFSM); Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH); National Mission on Oilseeds & Oilpalm (NMOOP); National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA); National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (NMAET) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).
- (b) to (d): Yes, Madam. As a part of its mainstreaming efforts, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare ensures flow of funds to the tune of 30% for the benefit of women farmers under its various beneficiary oriented schemes. The guidelines of various schemes including Support to States Extension programmes for Extension Reforms, National Food Security Mission, National Mission on Oilseed & Oil Palm, National Mission on Contd...2/-

Sustainable Agriculture, Sub-Mission for Seed and Planting Material, Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture etc. stipulate that States and other Implementing Agencies are required to incur at least 30% expenditure on Women Farmers.

The budgetary allocation for the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare during the last three years is as under:

Rs. in crore

Year	Budget Estimate (BE)	Actual Expenditure
2015-16	25460.51	49677.32
2016-17	45035.20	48957.00
2017-18	51576.00	35484.43 (as on
		18.12.2017)

At the stage of administrative approval, 30% of this budgetary allocations is earmarked for women farmers.

A total number of 8.71 lakh women have been trained under Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Scheme since 2015-16.
