

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.667
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2017

AGRICULTURE FAIRS

667. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ऋदुशुआओँ एवं कलुडलण ½ââââè be pleased to state:

- whether Agriculture Fairs are organized/being organized in various parts of the country in the recent past;
- if so, the aims and objectives of organizing such fairs along with the extent to which success have been achieved in this regard;
- the funds allocated to the States/UTs for this purpose during each of the last three years; and
- the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure that the benefits of such fairs reach to the farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

ऋदुशुआओँ एवं कलुडलण ½ââââÈ¼â ½âñâ Àâ¼â ½ââââè (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

- Yes, Madam. The Government is organizing /supporting and participating in Agriculture Fairs in various parts of the country.
- The aims and objectives of organizing such fairs are to (i) disseminate relevant information and promote appropriate technologies and improved agronomic practices among the farmers and other stakeholders in agriculture and allied sectors, (ii) create awareness among the farmers through the fairs, and (iii) cross learning among farmers and extension personnel on various newly evolved agricultural technologies. The success of organizing the fair has been substantive.

(c): Expenditure incurred on Agriculture Fairs and Exhibitions during last three years by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare are at **Annexure I, II & III**.

(d): The steps taken for ensuring the benefits of melas reaching to farmers include giving wider publicity through newspapers, Electronic Media (Television, Radio and Social Media) and sending SMS through mobile phones for dissemination of information to larger number of farmers in the district. Moreover, the farmers visiting the Kisan Melas and also provided with technical literature in local language for subsequent guidance in implementing the technologies and best practices on their farms.

Farmers are also mobilized through exposure visit under “Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA)” to participate in the Agriculture Fairs.

Annexure I

Summary of Expenditure incurred on Kisan Melas (Agriculture Fairs) and Exhibitions supported/ sponsored/organized by DAC&FW) during last 3 years (2014-15 to 2016-17)

(Amount Rs. in Lakh)

Item	Level of the Melas	Funds released to the State/ Agencies	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Expenditure by States/UTs under Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA)	State/District/ Block Level	State Government	1247.46	1305.54	1070.84
Expenditure by the Directorate of Extension, Department of Agriculture, Coopn. & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India	National / Regional / State	Govt. /State Agricultural Universities (SAUs)/ICAR Institutes/ Private /Autonomous Bodies etc.	222.68	1479.14	559.43
Total			1470.14	2784.68	1630.27

Annexure II**State wise and year-wise details of 'Kisan Melas (Agriculture Fairs)' organized under centrally Sponsored Scheme "Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms (ATMA)" during last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17)****(Amount Rs. in Lakh)**

Sl.No.	State/ UT	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17	
		Funds allocated	Expenditure incurred	Funds allocated	Expenditure incurred	Funds allocated	Expenditure incurred
1	Andhra Pradesh	58.00	21.81	58.00	26.80	58.00	26.00
2.	Bihar	158.00	108.65	158.00	75.50	158.00	74.26
3.	Chhatisgarh	114.00	33.39	114.00	67.58	114.00	61.13
4.	Goa	14.00	0.00	14.00		14.00	3.30
5.	Gujarat	138.00	109.09	138.00	111.45	138.00	102.48
6.	Haryana	90.00	26.63	90.00	48.46	90.00	76.00
7.	HP	54.00	18.60	54.00	45.65	54.00	15.07
8.	J&K	94.00	23.98	94.00	1.00	94.00	30.05
9.	Jharkhand	102.00	58.36	102.00	47.54	102.00	46.96
10.	Karnataka	126.00	23.82	126.00	24.55	126.00	27.99
11.	Kerala	62.00	30.48	62.00	13.08	62.00	0.00
12.	Maharashtra	138.00	48.66	138.00	38.72	138.00	41.70
13.	MP	210.00	172.88	210.00	186.23	210.00	190.84
14.	Odisha	126.00	126.00	126.00	130.00	126.00	0.00
15.	Punjab	94.00	64.93	94.00	25.90	94.00	53.41
16.	Rajasthan	138.00	25.25	138.00	35.99	138.00	36.10
17.	Tamil Nadu	130.00	20.77	130.00	19.22	130.00	5.00
18.	Telangana	42.00	27.00	42.00	20.06	42.00	10.90
19.	UP	306.00	230.00	306.00	226.37	306.00	195.69
20.	Uttaranchal	58.00	7.96	58.00	18.59	58.00	15.21
21.	West Bengal	82.00	3.00	82.00	48.80	82.00	0.00
22.	Assam	110.00	0.00	110.00	6.00	110.00	7.97
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	74.00	21.00	74.00	18.00	74.00	0.00
24.	Manipur	42.00	10.00	42.00	15.00	42.00	27.00
25.	Meghalaya	50.00	0.00	50.00		50.00	0.00
26.	Mizoram	38.00	0.00	38.00	18.00	38.00	0.00
27.	Nagaland	50.00	28.00	50.00	22.50	50.00	13.20
28.	Tripura	38.00	0.00	38.00		38.00	0.00
29.	Sikkim	22.00	6.00	22.00	2.82	22.00	6.29
30.	Delhi	10.00	0.00	10.00		10.00	0.00
31.	Pondicherry	14.00	1.20	14.00	5.15	14.00	0.30
32.	A&N Islands	18.00	0.00	18.00	6.58	18.00	3.99
	Total	2800.00	1247.46	2800.00	1305.54	2800.00	1070.84

Annexure III**State wise and year-wise details of 'Kisan Melas organized BY ICAR/KVKs during last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17)****(Amount in Rupees)**

S. No	States	Funds Allocated			Funds Utilized		
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
1	Madhya Pradesh	0	5680000	8347365	0	4880000	8347365
2	Odisha	0	3360000	5564910	0	2720000	5564910
3	Rajasthan	3500000	13500000	6500000	3500000	13500000	6500000
4	Gujarat	2600000	8300000	4400000	2600000	8300000	4400000
5	Assam	450000	2560000	1676170	450000	2560000	1676170
6	Arunachal Pradesh	50000	1040000	800000	50000	1040000	800000
7	Manipur	400000	1040000	560000	400000	1040000	560000
8	Meghalaya	80000	480000	320000	80000	480000	320000
9	Nagaland	310000	720000	513710	310000	720000	513710
10	Mizoram	280000	1200000	240000	280000	1200000	240000
11	Tripura	80000	560000	320000	80000	560000	320000
12	Sikkim	60000	560000	240000	60000	560000	240000
13	Karnataka	0	3440000	2080000	0	3011406	1840000
14	Kerala	0	1680000	880000	0	1589440	800000
15	Tamil Nadu	0	2880000	1520000	0	2813606	1520000
16	Goa	0	320000	160000	0	318335	160000
17	Pondicherry	0	160000	160000	0	80000	80000
18	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Andhra Pradesh	0	1360000	1119000	0	1360000	1119000
20	Telangana	0	800000	721000	0	800000	721000
21	Maharashtra	0	4320000	2493000	0	4320000	2493000
22	Uttar Pradesh	1355000	11685000	18098000	122000	9439000	12746000
23	Uttarakhand	205000	135000	3291000	2000	975000	1918000
24	A&N Islands	0	636491	160000	0	636491	160000
25	Bihar	0	11048886	2560000	0	11048886	2560000
26	Jharkhand	0	6771928	1120000	0	6771928	1120000
27	West Bengal	0	5153449	1280000	0	5153449	1280000
28	Punjab	0	1440000	1520000	0	1429481	1505666
29	Haryana	0	1280000	1360000	0	1080437	1130477
30	Delhi	0	80000	80000	0	80000	80000
31	Himachal Pradesh	0	800000	560000	0	778512	560000
32	Jammu & Kashmir	0	1360000	400000	0	896830	314889
	Total	9370000	94350754	69044155	7934000	90142801	61590187
