

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 524
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2018

COMMUNITY FARMING

524. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

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

- (a) the details of schemes run by the Government to promote community farming in a sustainable manner in the areas where land holdings are very small;
- (b) the efforts being made by Government for the betterment of small and marginalised farmers; and
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to set up community farm equipment centres so that every farmer with small land holdings can also have access to sophisticated farm equipment on rental basis and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is not running any specific scheme to promote community farming. However, Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) under Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare (DAC&FW) supports the State Governments in the formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs). Accordingly, SFAC has been implementing FPO promotion to collectivize small and marginal farmer activities in several States under various programmes. So far, 707 FPOs have been registered.

(c): For the promotion of farm mechanization in the country, DAC&FW is implementing Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) in order to provide benefits of farm mechanization to small and marginal farmers and especially regions where availability of farm power is low, SMAM provides the assistance for establishment of Customs Hiring Centers to individual beneficiary @ 40% of the project cost limited to Rs. 60 lakh and the assistance for establishment of Farm Machinery Bank to group of farmers @ 80% of project cost limited to Rs.10 lakh.

In addition to above, the assistance for custom hiring centres can be availed under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) scheme and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) scheme of DAC&FW as per norms of the SMAM scheme.
