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

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH DECEMBER, 2018

MOBILE APPLICATION FOR FARMERS

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning any mobile application in a bid to use technology for the benefit of farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the farmers get information on farm subsidies, booking of farm equipment and related infrastructure, crop insurance and subsidies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any of the States has implemented such systems; and
- (f) 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 PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare has developed Kisan Suvidha mobile application to facilitate dissemination of information to farmers on the critical parameters viz., Weather; Market Prices; Plant Protection; Agro-advisory; Extreme Weather Alerts; Dealers—Seed, Pesticide, Fertilizer, Farm Machinery; Soil Health Card; Cold Storages & Godowns, Veterinary Centres and Diagnostic Labs. Farmers can download Kisan Suvidha app through Google Play Store and mkisan.gov.in, to access all the information free of cost. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has also compiled more than 100 mobile apps developed by ICAR, State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and Krishi Vigyan Kendras and uploaded on its website. These mobile apps have been developed in the areas of crops, horticulture, veterinary, dairy, poultry, fisheries, natural resource management and integrated subjects. These apps offers valuable information to the farmers, including package of practices, market prices of various commodities, weather related information, advisory services, etc.

(c) & (d): Farmers can get information on farm subsidies; dealers of Seed, Pesticide, Fertilizer, Farm Machinery; crop insurance and subsidies; under various schemes through main portal of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare i.e. agricoop.gov.in. and Farmers' portal i.e. farmer.gov.in. Farmers' portal provides information on all agriculture related areas through a single umbrella. Farmers can also get scheme-wise information from the portals of the Sub-mission on Agriculture Mechanization (farmech.dac.gov.in); [Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture](http://midh.gov.in) (midh.gov.in); Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (pmksy.gov.in); Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (pmfby.gov.in); [Soil Health Card Scheme](http://soilhealth.dac.gov.in) (soilhealth.dac.gov.in); National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (nmoop.gov.in); National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development; (www.nabard.org/content.aspx?id=602); National Mission For Sustainable Agriculture (nmsa.dac.gov.in); etc.

(e) & (f): No data about systems developed by the States for dissemination of information, is maintained centrally. However, as per information provided by some States, Haryana, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Meghalaya have developed portals to disseminate information, inter-alia, about schemes relating to farmers.
