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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 149**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/12/2018

**TRAINING OF FARMERS**

149. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:  
SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:  
SHRI BHARATHI MOHAN R.K.:  
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has empowered any nodal agencies or like Krishi Vigyan Kendras to provide skill training to farmers to develop their farming techniques and for marketing of their produce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the effective steps taken by the Government to facilitate Tamil Nadu to meet the demands of the farming sector to cope with its increasing troubles due to several cyclones and heavy rainfall on one hand and water scarcity and drought on the other hand; and
- (d) the amount allocated for the same during each of the last four years?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री  
**(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) & (b):** Yes, Madam. A number of organizations of the Government are providing skill training to farmers. Details of such organizations are given below:-

- Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)
- Institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- State and Central Agricultural Universities (SAUs/CAUs)
- Agricultural Technology Management Agencies (ATMAs)
- Institutes of Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare
- Institutes of Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DADF)
- Government of India Commodity Boards
- State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institutes

- Other Line Departments and Skill Training Missions of State Governments.
- As far as marketing of farmers produce is concerned, the Government has launched National Agriculture Market (eNAM) which is a pan-India electronic trading portal which networks the existing APMC mandis to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities. Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) is the lead agency for implementing eNAM under the aegis of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India.

**(c) & (d):** State Government is empowered to undertake necessary relief measures from State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), which is readily available with State. For calamity of severe nature, additional financial assistance, over and above SDRF, is considered from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) in accordance with items and norms of assistance, upon receipt of Memorandum from the State Government. Government of Tamil Nadu has not submitted any memorandum seeking financial assistance from NDRF during current year. However, during last four years, Government of Tamil Nadu has declared drought in 2016-17. In response, Government of India has approved Rs. 1728.48 crore from NDRF.

To address the increasing frequency of extreme events such as drought, floods and heavy rainfall, the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in four districts of Tamil Nadu namely Ramanathapuram, Tiruvarur, Villupuram and Namakkal are conducting demonstrations in farmers field on Climate Resilient practices and technologies.

These demonstrations comprise technology modules on Natural Recourse Management like village ponds, check dams, de-silting of drainage channels and efficient water use through micro-irrigation system; crop production with drought and flood tolerant and short duration varieties of paddy, black gram, green gram, red gram, ground nut, sesame, castor and fodder crops; live-stock production with improved breeds of cattle, poultry, sheep and goat; and other best practices like seed hardening for drought tolerance, green manuring, spray of Pink Pigmented Facultative Methylotrops (PPFM) during severe drought, broad bed furrow method of planting, tree planting on bunds and crop mulching. Besides, farmers are facilitated for establishment and management of seed bank, fodder bank, custom hiring centres through capacity building and institutionalizing of village level climate risk management committees of farmers. For this purpose, an amount of Rs. 1.68 crores were allocated during the last four years. The year-wise allocation of funds is given below:-

<b>Year</b>	<b>Fund Allocated (Rs. In lakh)</b>
2014-15	45.00
2015-16	44.00
2016-17	48.26
2017-18	30.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>168.00</b>

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