

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3368
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01/01/2019

MoU BETWEEN ICAR AND BEE

3368. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether an MoU was signed between Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power;
- (b) if so, the details of the MoU and the benefits that will be derived therefrom by the farmers;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to focus on creating awareness for farmers across the country for energy efficient pump sets and other equipment through this MoU;
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to promote operational practices so as to adopt energy and resource efficiently under this MoU; and
- (e) whether the MoU proposes any training programs at Krishi Vigyan Kendras for farmers across the nation and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) An MoU was signed between Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power, to create awareness for energy efficient pumpsets and operational practices so as to adopt energy and resource efficient approaches. The main objective of the MoU is to conduct training programs for farmers through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) to create awareness for energy efficient pump sets and operational practices so as to adopt energy and resource efficient approaches. It is proposed to conduct awareness and outreach on energy efficient and water conservation measures for farmers through print/brochures.

The following benefits are likely to be derived by the farmers:-

- a. Awareness on energy efficiency and conservation in agricultural practices, particularly in using agriculture pump sets, tractors and other machines.
 - b. Improving fuel efficiency and water resource use efficiency thereby reducing the cost of cultivation so as to increase farmers' income in harmony with strategies of "Per drop more crop" and "Doubling Farmers' income".
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) The steps being taken by the government are; to coordinate with State Designated Agencies (SDAs)/ Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) for successfully organizing the farmers training sessions and to provide training materials to SDAs/ Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for effectively imparting training to farmers and to provide financial support to KVKs through SDAs for organizing the same.
- (e) Yes, Madam. As part of MoU, ICAR has facilitated in identifying suitable KVKs for organizing training sessions in each of the enlisted states i.e. Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. Facilitation is being done for organizing Farmers Training Sessions at identified KVKs located in selected States. For the purpose KVKs engage suitable officers from regional/state agriculture department for imparting the training to farmers on related subject. Also, KVKs mobilizes local farmers and other stakeholders for participation in training sessions.
