

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1491
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/02/2019

MoU BETWEEN ICAR AND BUREAU OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY

1491. 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 the 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 likely to be accrued to the farmers;
- (c) whether the Government plans to focus on creating awareness among farmers across the country for energy efficient pump sets and other equipment through this MoU;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to promote operational practices so as to adopt energy and resources efficiently under this MoU; and
- (e) whether the MoU proposes any training programmes at Krishi Vigyan Kendras for farmers across the nation?

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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) & (c): Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ministry of Power on 25th July, 2018. In accordance with this MoU, training Sessions for farmers in co-ordination with ICAR and other State Designated Agencies (SDAs) are being organised to create awareness on energy & water efficient practices. The benefits likely to be accrued to the farmers include; improved energy and water use efficiency, reduced cost of cultivation and increased income.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research is facilitating in identification of suitable KVKs for organizing training sessions in various states including Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Nagaland and Tamil Nadu. Training programmes for farmers are being conducted through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) to create awareness for energy efficient pump-sets and operational practices to facilitate adoption of energy and resource efficient approaches in agriculture.

(d) & (e): BEE is coordinating with State Designated Agencies (SDAs) & Distribution Companies for planning and organizing the farmers training sessions and other promotional activities; providing training materials to SDAs/KVKs for effectively imparting training to farmers. Facilitation is being done for organizing farmers training sessions at KVKs located in these States. KVKs are engaging suitable officers from State agriculture departments and other agencies for imparting training to farmers and mobilizing local farmers and other stakeholders for participation in training sessions.
