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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 58**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019

**SUB-MISSION ON AGRICULTURAL MECHANISATION**

\*58. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

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

- (a) whether the People's representatives Members of Parliament from Maharashtra had held any discussion with the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on Sub-Mission on agricultural mechanisation on 16th February, 2015;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any remedial steps in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 58 DUE FOR REPLY ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019.**

(a) to (d): On 16<sup>th</sup> February 2015, a meeting was proposed at Mumbai with Chief Minister , Minister of Agriculture, Members of Parliament of Vidharbha and Marathwada region of Maharashtra regarding issues of farmers of the region. There is no record related to the above meeting available with Government of India.

Agricultural implements and machinery are essential inputs for modern agriculture. It enhances productivity besides reducing human drudgery and cost of cultivation. It also helps in improving utilization efficiency of other inputs.

Taking into consideration the above, to boost the farm mechanization in the country, a special dedicated scheme Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) has been introduced , under which subsidy is provided for purchase of various types of Agricultural implements and machinery used for tillage, sowing, planting, harvesting, reaping, threshing, plant protection, inter cultivation and residue management.

Funds of Rs.20.34,15.96, 15.00, 34.13 and 145.5 crore have been released under SMAM to Government of Maharashtra during the period of 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively for distribution of agricultural machinery and equipment and establishment of Custom Hiring Centers. There is a considerable increase in release of funds to the Government of Maharashtra.

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