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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3661
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH JULY, 2019

ROLE OF AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES IN SUPPORTING FARMERS

3661. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is encouraging the agricultural graduates to support the livelihood improvement of small and marginal farmers in terms of availing them facilities extended by the Government, scientific and technical training, selection of crops, marketing of their produce;
- (b) if so, the details of the remuneration and facilities that will be extended to agricultural graduates; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) & (b): Yes Sir, Government is utilising the services of agricultural graduates under its various schemes and programs to support farmers in different ways. The details of support extended to farmers, remuneration and facilities extended to agricultural graduates are given at **Annexure I**
- (c): Does not arise.

Annexure I

Statement showing involvement of Agri Graduates in supporting farmers under various Schemes of Ministry of Agriculture

Sl. No	Name of the Scheme/ Initiative	Role of Agri-graduates	Services being provided to farmers	Remuneration	Facilities created for Agri-graduates
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare					
1	Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms (ATMA)	(i) Block Technology Manager (BTM); and	(i) Provision of Scientific and technical training and extension support (ii) mobilization and organizing farmers in Farmer Interest Groups and Commodity Interest Groups (iii) Facilitation in Setting up of Farm Schools	(i) Rs. 30000/ per month for BTM; &	(i) Remuneration includes Rs. 5000/ per month as operational expenses.
		(ii) Assistant Technology Manager (ATMs)	(iv) Dissemination of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs).	(ii) Rs. 25000 per month	(i) Remuneration includes Rs.4000/- per month as opex.
2	Kisan Call Centres (KCC)	Farm Tele Advisors (FTA) and Supervisors (placed @ 1 over every 10 FTAs)	(i) Answer farmers queries related to agriculture and allied sectors in their own language through toll free number (1800-180-1551)	(i) FTA-Rs. 25,000 per month. (ii) Supervisor- Rs.30,000/ per month.	Annual enhancement of 10% of the emoluments for both-FTAs and Supervisors.
3.	Agri-Clinics & Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC)	Self employed Agripreneurs	(i) Provision of Advisory and extension services in agriculture and allied areas through ventures established under self employment mode	No remuneration. Working in self-employment mode	(i) Free residential training @of Rs.35000/- per candidate, (ii) Incentive at Rs.1000/-for venture establishment, (iii) credit linked back-ended subsidy @ 36% to General category candidates and 44% to Women, SC/ST, NES and hilly State candidates.
Department of Agricultural Research& Education (DARE)					
1	Student READY (Rural Entrepreneurship Awareness Development Yojana) Programme	Rural Awareness Work Experience (RAWWE)	(i) Support livelihood improvement through providing information about facilities extended by the Government; (ii) Providing scientific & technical knowhow (iii) Facilitation in selection of crops; and (iv) Marketing of produce	Stipend of Rs.3,000/- (Rs. 2500/-ICAR Share + Rs. 500/-State Share) per month.	Rs. 500/- per student/per month as ICAR share towards operational expenses.
