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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3253
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21st MARCH, 2023

SKILL DEVELOPMENT AMONG FARMERS

3253. SHRI RAMSHIROMANI VERMA:

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

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented to promote Skill Development among farmers in agriculture and allied sectors;
- (b) the funds earmarked and spent under the said schemes during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the details of initiatives proposed to increase capacity building of farmers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR

(a) to (c) The Government has initiated and is implementing the following schemes aimed to promote skill development and capacity building among farmers in the agriculture and allied sectors

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms' popularly known as Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Scheme is under implementation since 2005. It is being implemented in 704 districts of 28 states & 5 UTs of the country. The scheme promotes decentralized farmer-friendly system in the country with an objective to support State Government's efforts to revitalize the extension system and making available the latest agricultural technologies and good agricultural practices in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied areas to farmers. The extension activities under ATMA include Farmers Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Melas, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and organizing Farm Schools etc.

After the Gazette Notification issued by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in July 2015, the DA& FW has been operationalising skill training

courses (minimum 200 hrs.) under National Skill Development Mission (NSDM) for rural youth and farmers as per the approved Qualification Packs developed by Agriculture Skill Council of India, through the National Training Institutes, State Agriculture Management and Extension Training Institutes, Krishi Vigyan Kendras of ICAR and State Agricultural Universities.

Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) was launched in 2015 with the objective to impart short term skill training (7 days duration inclusive of 1 day for local travel) to rural youths and farmers in agriculture and allied areas for upgradation of their knowledge and skills and promote wage/self employment in rural areas. The National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) is implementing STRY across the country through State Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institutes (SAMETIs), ATMA and Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

In addition to the above, the Government is providing financial assistance to the States under the Soil Health Card Scheme for organizing training of farmers. Also under the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation a component namely 'Promotion and Strengthening of Agricultural Mechanization through Training, Testing and Demonstration' has been kept and is aimed for skill development programme in various fields of agriculture mechanization which has helped them in improving their skill levels for efficient operations thereby saving in cost of operations. Training of farmers is also promoted under RKVY-RAFTAAR.

The funds earmarked under the above ATMA and Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) schemes during the last three years and the current year along with the amount spent there under are attached as Annexure I & II.

ANNEXURE-I

The funds earmarked and spent under the training component of Extension Reforms (ATMA) scheme during 2019-20 to 2022-23.

Year	Financial Progress (Rs. in Crores)	
	Earmarked	Spent
2019-20	214.49	208.00
2020-21	320.70	243.70
2021-22	361.07	232.08
2022-23*	255.59	137.77
Total	1151.85	821.55

*Upto15th March, 2023

Annexure- II

The funds earmarked and spent under the Short Duration (7 days) Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) during 2019-20 to 2022-23.

Year	Financial Progress(Rs. in Crore)	
	Earmarked	Spent
2019-20	2.56	2.56
2020-21	2.75	1.79
2021-22	3.04	2.54
2022-23*	2.60	2.60
Total	10.95	9.49

*Up to 15th March, 2023
