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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 783
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY, 2023

TRAINING AND WAGES TO AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS

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

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to provide technical training to the agricultural labourers in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan to fix the wages of agricultural labourers according to the quantum of their labour; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) Government is already implementing the following schemes for training Farmers/rural youths in the country;
 - i. 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.
 - ii. After the Gazette Notification issued by Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in July 2015, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has

been operationalizing skill training courses for rural youth and farmers as per the approved Qualification Packs developed by Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI), through the National Training Institutes, State Agriculture Management and Extension Training Institutes and Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

- iii. 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.

(b) & (C) There is no any proposal to formulate any plan to fix the wages of agricultural labourers according to the quantum of their labour under Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
