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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

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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 efforts made by the Government with an objective to develop an active and vibrant startup ecosystem within the agriculture and allied industries; and
- (b) the financial assistance provided to various startups functioning in this sector during the last five years, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a): The Government of India is committed to promote Agri-startups by providing financial and technical support to agri-startups in agriculture and allied sectors. Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing "Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development" programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) from 2018-19 with an objective to promote innovation and agri-entrepreneurship by providing financial and technical support for nurturing startups ecosystem in the country. So far, 5 Knowledge Partners (KPs) and 24 RKVY Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) have been appointed for training & incubation of startups and implementation of this programme.

Under the programme, the financial support upto Rs. 5.00 lakh is provided at the idea/pre seed stage and upto Rs. 25 lakh at the seed stage to entrepreneurs/ startups in the field of agriculture & allied sector to launch their products, services, business platforms, etc into the market and facilitate them to scale up their products and operations.

Start-ups are trained and incubated by these Knowledge Partners (KPs) and RKVY Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) appointed under the programme. Government of India organize various national level programmes including agri-startup conclave, agri fair and exhibitions, webinars, workshops to provide a platform for the promotion of agri startups by linking them with various stakeholders.

Agri-start-ups supported under the programme are at various stages of implementation from 'idea' to 'scaling' and 'growth stage'. These agri-startups are working in different areas of agriculture & allied sectors, such as, precision agriculture, farm mechanization, agri logistics & supply chain, post harvest technology, waste to wealth, organic farming, animal husbandry, dairy & fisheries, etc.

(b): Under the programme, the funds are released to KPs and R-ABIs situated in different States. The financial assistance of Rs. 10625.08 lakhs have been released in installments to a total of 1524 agri startups through various KPs and R-ABIs from 2019-20 to 2023-24 as per details **annexed**.

Annexure													
Details of Startups supported with financial assistance in agriculture and allied sectors from 2019-20 to 2023-24 under the Innovation & Agri-entrepreneurship programme of RKVY													
SI No.	Incubators (KPs & R-ABIs)	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2019-20 to 2023-24	
		Total number of startups selected	Total fund released to startups	Total number of startups selected	Total fund released to startups	Total number of startups selected	Total fund released to startups	Total number of startups selected	Total fund released to startups	Total number of startups selected	Total fund released to startups	Total number of startups selected	Total fund released to startups
1	Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) Pusa, New Delhi	21	133.80	29	166.40	36	335.40	36	420.40	34	668.60	156	1724.60
2	National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM) Jaipur,	22	109.40	17	89.20	11	72.40	17	194.60	12	74.00	79	539.60
3	National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad	15	69.50	44	194.83	14	132.60	24	228.80	37	250.20	134	875.93
4	Assam Agriculture University (AAU), Assam			11	60.17	18	72.20	0	52.17	13	114.60	42	299.14
5	University of Agriculture Science, Dharwad			40	205.55	9	203.37	20	160.10	0	53.00	69	622.02
	Total selected startups of KPs	58	312.70	141	716.15	88	815.97	97	1056.07	96	1160.40	480	2528.45
1	Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Hisar, Haryana			27	140.00	6	18.00	17	87.20	23	174.80	73	420.00
2	CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Himachal Pradesh			18	77.00	0	21.20	4	33.60	7	75.60	29	207.40
3	Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh			44	176.60	0	0.00	19	91.20	13	121.20	76	389.00
4	IIIM, Kashipur, Uttarakhand			37	211.00	0	0.00	11	254.80	11	71.00	59	536.80
5	IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh			35	158.40	0	0.00	7	84.40	4	23.00	46	265.80
6	ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh			25	136.20	0	46.00	1	8.40	5	87.90	31	278.50
7	Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh			23	92.65	5	9.00	0	42.40	6	52.80	34	196.85
8	Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab			30	170.20	13	106.10	0	163.20	10	70.00	53	509.50
9	Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu & Kashmir			14	63.80	0	0.00	0	0.00	7	42.00	21	105.80
10	College of Fisheries, Lembucherra, Tripura			6	18.00	0	0.00	12	39.90	5	29.50	23	87.40
11	College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Mizoram			9	27.00	0	0.00	4	12.00	9	49.40	22	88.40
12	College of horticulture and forestry, Arunachal Pradesh			8	24.00	2	13.00	0	0.00	5	21.00	15	58.00
13	S K N Agriculture University, Jobner, Rajasthan			9	44.60	22	121.80	0	0.00	4	97.20	35	263.60
14	ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad, Telangana			40	151.90	26	125.40	23	97.60	29	159.98	118	534.88
15	Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala			16	82.90	33	276.46	0	78.20	19	166.20	68	603.76
16	Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu			14	56.90	14	135.80	13	57.70	31	256.70	72	507.10
17	Agri innovation and entrepreneurship cell, ANGRAU, Andhra Pradesh			9	19.40	16	64.40	17	58.90	9	110.00	51	252.70
18	ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology, Mumbai			14	60.10	12	118.20	20	114.00	0	51.20	46	343.50
19	Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat			3	12.80	9	34.20	8	28.40	8	28.40	28	103.80
20	Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola, Maharashtra			13	40.70	6	16.11	0	35.40	0	0.00	19	92.21
21	National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (NIVEDI), Bengaluru			9	46.00	7	29.00	0	42.80	28	109.40	44	227.20
22	National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack, Odisha			22	122.80	10	50.80	0	0.00	9	38.20	41	211.80
23	Indian Institute of Management (IIT), Kharagpur, West Bengal			4	26.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	4	26.00
24	Bihar Agricultural University, Bhagalpur, Bihar			18	67.60	8	33.00	0	48.80	10	104.40	36	253.80
Total final selection & funded startups of R-ABIs		0	0.00	447	2026.55	189	1218.47	156	1378.90	252	1939.88	1044.00	6563.80
Total finally selected startups of all KPs & R-ABIs		58	312.70	588	2742.70	277	2034.44	253	2434.97	348	3100.28	1524	10625.08
