

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 813
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

Mahila-Biotech Kisan Fellowship

813. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री
be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of Mahila-Biotech-Kisan fellowship recipient women in Haryana particularly in Sonipat Parliamentary Constituency during the last three years, year-wise;**
- (b) the details of the digital hurdles being faced by women farmers of rural and urban areas at the time of applying for fellowship and using it;**
- (c) whether any measures have been taken and strategies have been adopted to ensure equal distribution of Mahila-Biotech-Kisan fellowship to rural women particularly marginalized women; and**
- (d) If so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(DR. JITENDRA SINGH)**

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
(डॉ. जितेंद्र सिंह)

- (a) & (b) The fellowship amount was provided by the Department of Biotechnology to the implementing agencies under their respective Biotech-Kisan Hub projects, which was further distributed to the beneficiary farmers by the implementing agencies. Any digital hurdles being faced by women farmers of**

rural and urban areas at the time of applying for fellowship and using it have been taken care by the implementing agencies themselves.

(c) & (d) The Biotech-Kisan scheme provides provision for financial assistance to the Biotech-Kisan Hubs at the rate of Rs. 6.0 lakhs/annum to support fellowship for a minimum five farmers including Mahila-Biotech Kisan fellowship to promote them as lead farmers and grass-root trainers. The measures and strategies have been laid down by the implementing agencies to ensure equitable distribution of Mahila-Biotech-Kisan fellowship to rural women particularly marginalised women. In order to enhance the coverage and impact of the projects, some of the implementing agencies modified the criteria of financial assistance depending upon the availability of funds and eligible farmers.
