

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2389
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD DECEMBER, 2019

ASSISTANCE TO FEMALE FARMERS

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

- (a) whether any scheme is being implemented for the empowerment and assistance of female farmers in the country particularly in Maharashtra State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the scheme and the benefits accrued therefrom;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that many women in rural areas do farming round the clock and many accidents happened to them during farming;
- (d) if so, whether efforts are being made by the Government for their upliftment and development; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): The Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) to empower women in agriculture by making systematic investments to enhance their participation and productivity, as also to create and sustain their agriculture-based livelihoods.

Under MKSP, a total number of 36.06 lakh Mahila Kisans have been benefitted through 84 projects in 24 States/UTs in the country, out of which 1.81 lakhs women have been benefitted in the State of Maharashtra. A total Central allocation of Rs.847.48 crore has been made towards implementation of the approved projects, out of which an amount of Rs. 52.15 crore has been allocated for projects in Maharashtra State.

The Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is also providing additional support and assistance to female farmers, over and above the male farmers under various Schemes namely Agri-Clinic & Agri-Business Centre (ACABC), Integrated Schemes of Agricultural Marketing (ISAM), Sub-Mission of Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) and National Food Security Mission (NFSM). The details of budget allocation and beneficiaries under these schemes during the year 2019-20 are given in **Annexure-I**.

Besides, female farmers can also avail the benefits under all the schemes implemented by the Department as per eligibility.

(c) to (e): The Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is not in receipt of data on accidents happened to women in rural areas doing farming round the clock. However, efforts are being made by the Government for upliftment and development of female farmers, as provided in (a) & (b) above.

Annexure I

Budget allocation and beneficiaries under Schemes of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare providing additional assistance to female farmers (over & above male farmers)

Name of the Scheme	Budgetary allocation (2019-20) (in crore)	No. of women benefitted (2019-20 till 19.11.2019)
Agri-Clinic & Agri-Business Centre component of Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension	49.55	295
Integrated Scheme of Agricultural Marketing (ISAM)	658.43	93
Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)	1033.34	2,093
National Food Security Mission (NFSM)	2014.83	33,585
