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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3537
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2019

AFFORDABLE TECHNOLOGY FOR FARMERS

3537. SHRI V.K.SREEKANDAN:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government is considering to have affordable access to technology at the doorsteps of the farmers;
- (b) whether it is also true that there are now more than 38,000 custom hiring centres across the country, which rent out 2.5 lakh equipment every year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): To make available costly and bigger advance farm machinery at the door steps of the farmers on rent basis, Custom Hiring Centres (CHC) are promoted through a dedicated scheme Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM); under which subsidy is provided @ of 40% of the project cost to individual farmer upto a project cost of Rs.60 lakh and 80% to the group of farmers upto a project cost of Rs. 10 lakh. A special consideration for the farmers of North Eastern Region (NER) is available, 95% subsidy upto a project cost of Rs. 10 lakh is provided to group of NER farmers for establishment of Custom Hiring Centres. For establishment of Hi-tech and Hi-value agricultural machinery CHC, assistance @ of 40% of the project cost to individual farmer upto a project cost of Rs.250 lakh is provided.

To address air pollution due to crop burning, a new Central Sector Scheme on 'Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization for In-Situ Management of Crop Residue in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi' (CRM) for the period from 2018-19 to 2019-20 has been launched. Under the scheme to establish Custom Hiring of in-situ crop residue management machinery a financial assistance @ 80% of the project cost is provided to the farmers.

The Government has developed and launched Multi lingual Mobile App "CHC- Farm Machinery" which helps the farmers for getting rented farm machinery and implements through Custom Hiring Service Centers (CHC) in their area. As on date, 41,992 CHCs with 1,33,723 Agricultural machinery for renting out are registered on this Mobile app. Total 1,12,505 farmers as users are registered on this Mobile App.

The details of the custom hiring centres established, State/UT-wise, year-wise under SMAM and CRM is enclosed as Annexure-I and II respectively.

Year wise Nos. Of Custom Hiring Centres Established under SUBMISSION ON AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION (SMAM)

	Nos. Of Custom Hiring Centres Established	Nos. Of Custom Hiring Centres Established	Nos. Of Custom Hiring Centres Established	Nos. Of Custom Hiring Centres Established	Nos. Of Custom Hiring Centres Established	Nos. Of Custom Hiring Centres Established	Nos. Of Custom Hiring Centres Established
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Grand Total as on date
Andhra Pradesh	0	20	100	875	750	68	1813
Arunachal	0	0	0	6	1	0	7
Assam	86	0	12	50	0	0	148
Bihar	126	0	271	0	0	0	397
Chhattisgarh	25	0	87	137	523	265	1037
Gujarat	17	8	0	0	0	0	25
Haryana	30	0	0	0	752	225	1007
HP	3	1	2	3	5	25	39
J&K	0	0	0	4	17	216	237
Jharkhand	53	45	50	34	100	0	282
Karnataka	2	0	6	35	100	35	178
Kerala	29	0	7	72	129	129	366
MP	18	22	0	100	85	110	335
Maharashtra	67	38	57	63	97	95	417
Manipur	10	0	0	5	315	0	330
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mizoram	4	10	10	30	27	85	166
Nagaland	13	4	12	30	42	40	141
Orissa	31	0	720	400	450	10	1611
Punjab	34	0	1009	166	0	0	1209
Rajasthan	65	0	0	238	0	0	303
Sikkim	1	0	6	3	0	4	14
Tamil Nadu	85	99	250	540	1120	435	2529
Telengana	9	0	10	30	0	0	49
Tripura	4	4	0	83	100	100	291
UP	360	175	706	361	437	0	2039
Uttarakhand	13	13	26	369	60	400	881
West Bengal	28	60	7	118	79	58	350
TOTAL	1113	499	3348	3752	5189	2300	16201

No of Custom Hiring Centers (CHC) Established under a new Central Sector Scheme on 'Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization for In-Situ Management of Crop Residue in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi' (CRM)

State	2018-19	2019-20
	CHC Established	CHC Established
Punjab	4466	5505
Haryana	1194	1300
UP	2300	1817
Total	7960	8622
