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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1559**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020

**PARTICIPATION OF WOMAN FARMERS IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR**

1559 SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to provide facilities to women farmers for the development of agriculture areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated and spent for the said purposes in the country during the last three years, State-wise including Bihar and UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide training to woman farmers to make them updated with latest farming technologies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the participation of woman farmers in agriculture sector?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री ( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) has made provision of funds to the tune of 30% for the benefit of women farmers under its various beneficiary oriented schemes. These schemes include Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms, National Food Security Mission, National Mission on Oilseed & Oil Palm, National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture, Sub-Mission for Seed and Planting Material, Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture.

The Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development launched a specific scheme namely 'Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)', as a sub-component of DAY-NRLM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana — National Rural Livelihoods Mission).

This scheme is being implemented since 2011 with the objective to empower women by making systematic investments to enhance their participation and productivity, as also create sustainable livelihoods of rural women. The program is implemented in project mode through State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM) as Project Implementing Agencies.

The State/UT wise fund released during the last three years including Bihar State is given at **Annexure I**.

(c) & (d): In order to familiarize women with the latest techniques in agriculture and allied sectors, trainings are being imparted to women farmers under various schemes of DAC&FW. These include Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms(ATMA) under Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE), Cooperative Education Field Projects under various National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) Schemes. Skill training courses in agriculture and allied areas (of minimum 200 hours duration) are also being conducted for farmers including women farmers through National Training Institutes, State Agricultural Management & Extension Training (SAMETIs), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), and State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) across the country.

KVKs established by Indian Council Agricultural Research (ICAR) impart training to farmers including women farmers on various aspects of agriculture and allied sectors. The KVKs also organize specific training programmes for women farmers related to agriculture & allied areas.

(e): Government is taking various measures to increase the share of women farmers in agriculture sector. This includes providing additional support and assistance to women farmers, over and above the male farmers under few Schemes ; earmarking of 30% of funds for women under various beneficiary oriented schemes/programmes ; taking pro-women initiatives such as supporting farm women's food security groups, inclusion of one Gender Coordinator/State in the team of committed extension functionaries supported under ATMA component of SMAE, undertaking macro/micro level studies in critical thrust area related to women in agriculture, delivery of Gender Sensitization Capsule Module on Gender Learning through training programmes at National/Region/State Level, publication of farm women friendly literature viz. compilation of gender friendly tools/technologies; Farm Women Friendly Handbook; compilation of best practices/success stories of the women farmers, etc.

**Annexure I**

The State/UT wise fund released under Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) of MoRD during the last three years :

(Rs.in crores)

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Release 2017-18</b>	<b>Release 2018-19</b>	<b>Release 2019-20</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	9.73	0.00
2	Assam	1.50	0.00	0.00
3	<b>Bihar</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.68</b>	<b>0.00</b>
4	Chhattisgarh	9.39	0.00	0.00
5	Gujarat		0.00	0.00
6	Himachal Pradesh	0.30	0.19	0.00
7	Haryana	0.00	1.89	1.62
8	Jammu and Kashmir	2.14	0.00	0.00
9	Jharkhand	13.81	2.53	8.98
10	Karnataka	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	Kerala	0.00	7.44	0.00
12	Maharashtra	20.09	0.00	0.00
13	Madhya Pradesh	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Meghalaya	0.65	0.00	0.00
15	Mizoram	1.62	0.00	0.46
16	Odisha	0.89	0.82	0.00
17	Union Territory of Puducherry	0.58	0.00	0.00
18	Rajasthan	6.24	6.45	0.00
19	Telangana	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	Tamil Nadu	6.05	0.00	0.00
21	Uttar Pradesh	0.00	20.60	0.00
22	West Bengal	0.49	0.92	0.52
23	Nagaland	0.00	2.35	0.00
24	Mutli State project	0.00	5.87	0.00
25	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	4.13	0.00
		<b>63.76</b>	<b>65.60</b>	<b>11.58</b>

**Note: MKSP in DAY-NRLM is a demand driven programme and there is no provision of state wise allocation for every year.**

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