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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3533
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH AUGUST, 2021

WOMEN ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE

3533. SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN :
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

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

- (a) whether a large number of women in the country are actively participating in agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and the total number of women engaged in sowing, hoeing, weeding and harvesting in agriculture sector;
- (c) whether the Government has set up any institute in which the problems and issues faced by the women in agriculture are to be examined and resolved;
- (d) if so, the details of various capacity building programmes specially meant for women in farming; and
- (e) whether Krishi Vigyan Kendras also impart training to women farmers in agriculture and allied sectors and if so, the details in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): As per the Census 2011 conducted by the Registrar General of India, the extent of women participation in agriculture as cultivators (main & marginal) is to the tune of 3.60 crore (30.33%) and as female agricultural labour (main & marginal) to the tune of 6.15 crore (42.67 %).

As per Agriculture Census (2015-16), the total number of operational holdings of women is estimated as 20.44 million in the country. The specific data on number of women engaged in sowing, hoeing, weeding and harvesting in agriculture is not maintained in the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

(c) & (d) : Government of India has established Central Institute for Women in Agriculture (CIWA) at Bhuvneshwar, Odisha under Indian Council of Agricultural Research to address the problems and issues of the women in agriculture. The institute undertakes research on Women in Agriculture and for identifying gender issues in agriculture and allied fields, gender-equitable agricultural policies/ programmes and gender-sensitive agricultural-sector responses and coordinating research on farm women through 13 All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRP) centres in 12 States, across the country.

A total 366 number of capacity building programmes for farm women were conducted by CIWA and AICRP on Home Science covering 16264 farm women during the period from 2017 to 2020.

(e): The Government has set up 725 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country with mandate of technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity development. The KVKs impart training to farmers including women farmers on various aspects of agriculture and allied sectors. The KVKs also organize women farmer specific training programmes on various topics like household food security by kitchen gardening and nutrition gardening; Design and development of low/minimum cost diet; Designing and development for high nutrient efficiency diet; Minimization of nutrient loss in processing; Processing and cooking; Gender mainstreaming through Self Help Groups; Storage loss minimization techniques; Value addition; Women empowerment; Location specific drudgery reduction technologies ; Rural Crafts; and Women and child care.

During 2020-21, 5358 women specific trainings were organized by the KVKs with participation of 1.23 lakh women farmers. Besides, 3.17 lakh women farmers also participated in other 57757 training programmes along with male farmers.
