

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1545**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

**STUBBLE BURNING**

1545. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:

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

- (a) the action plan formulated by the Government to solve the problem of environmental pollution emerging due to stubble burning posing a health threat for citizens of the country;
- (b) whether the Government is providing any subsidy on the machines used for stubble cutting;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government for promotion of small scale industries making product made from stubble?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): To support the efforts of the Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi to address air pollution and to subsidize machinery required for management of crop residue, a 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' is being implemented from 2018-19. Under this scheme financial assistance @ 50% of the cost of machinery is provided to the farmers for purchase of identified crop residue management machinery and financial assistance @ 80% of the project cost is provided to the Cooperative Societies of Farmers, Farmers Producers Organization (FPOs), Registered Farmers Societies and Panchayats for establishment of Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs) of identified crop residue management machinery. During the period from 2018-19 to 2021-22, funds amounting to Rs. 2440.07 crores have been released for these States and more than 39000 Custom Hiring Centres(CHCs) have been established and a total of more than 1.95 lakh crop residue management machines have been supplied to these CHCs and individual farmers of these four States. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is also promoting biomass cofiring for recovery of energy that promotes setting up of biomass pellets and briquettes manufacturing units.

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