

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 265**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

**AGRI-STARTUPS**

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SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:  
SHRIMATI KESHARI DEVI PATEL:  
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SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:  
SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:  
SHRI BALAK NATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide funds for start-ups in agriculture and its related sectors in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the status of agriculture startup in the country till date;
- (c) the ways and means by which Government will promote agriculture start-ups in rural and tribal areas of Gujarat so that farmers of those areas be uplifted;
- (d) the number of agro startups set-up during the last two years along with the details of the financial assistance provided to them in Uttar Pradesh including district Prayagraj and in Rajasthan including district Band-Durgapur;
- (e) the details of the relaxation given to set up agro start-ups in rural areas;
- (f) the details of the schemes formulated by the Government keeping in view the demand of agro/products in international market; and
- (g) the details of the assistance provided by the Government to promote innovation in products and service of agro start-ups?

## ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b) This Ministry has launched a component called “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY-RAFTAAR) in 2018-19 with objective to promote innovation and agri-entrepreneurship by providing financial support and nurturing the incubation ecosystem. This Ministry has appointed five Knowledge Partners (KPs) as Centre of Excellence and twenty four RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) from across the country for implementation of this programme.

(c) Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat is one of the R-ABIs under “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” to promote agriculture startups in Gujarat.

(d) Number of startups selected during the last two years in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan and financial assistance provided to them under “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” programme is given below.

( amount in Rs. lakh )

State/Year	Number of agro-startups selected		Financial assistance given	
	2019-20	2020-21	2019-20	2020-21
Uttar Pradesh	13	19	69.00	85.80
Rajasthan	3	18	18.00	97.00

(e) “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” programme of this Ministry is basically meant for promotion of agri-startups. Various provisions regarding startups are governed by norms laid down by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

(f) Start-ups of agriculture and allied sectors in areas such as agricultural logistics, value & supply chain management, online/virtual platform, organic farming & services etc. are supported under “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” programme of this Ministry.

(g) 646 start-ups in the agriculture and allied sectors have been selected under “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” for funding of a sum of Rs. 69.92 crore in installments and Rs. 33.94 crore has been released to respective KPs and RABIs for funding these start-ups.

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