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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. † 2699
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th DECEMBER, 2021

WOMEN IN AGRI-STARTUPS

† 2699. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

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

- (a) the efforts being made by the Government for more and more inclusion of women in the agriculture startups;
- (b) the measures being taken by the Government to ensure that success stories of progressive women farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs reach other women so that other women get encouraged; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Ministry to ensure that the women farmers of Gujarat get the maximum benefits of the agriculture startups?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): This Ministry has launched a component called “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY-RAFTAAR) in 2018-19 with an 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 Centres of Excellence and twenty four RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) from across the country for implementation this programme. So far, 173 women startups/ entrepreneurs have been supported under the “Innovation and Agri-

Entrepreneurship Development” programme. Besides, the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has been supporting Agri-based startups under the project called National Agriculture Innovation Fund (NAIF) initiated in year 2016-2017. So far, 50 Agri-Business Incubation Centers (ABICs) have been established and are operational in ICAR network under NAIF scheme. Potential women startups/ entrepreneurs can avail benefit from these programmes.

(b): Success stories of progressive women farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs are publicized through electronic, print and social media and by organizing workshops etc. A webinar on “Women in Agri-startups: Creating Value with Supply Chain Management” was organized during Mahila Kisan Diwas 2021 on 22.10.2021. An e-book depicting success stories of 75 progressive women farmers and agripreneurs was also released during the event.

(c): Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat has been appointed as R-ABI under “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” programme and ICAR- Directorate of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants Research, Anand and ICAR- Directorate of Groundnut Research (DGR), Junagarh have been set up as Agri-Business Incubation (ABI) centers under National Agriculture Innovation Fund of ICAR to ensure that women farmers of Gujarat get the maximum benefit of agriculture startups.
