

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3709**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ATMA SCHEME**

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

- (a) Whether the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Scheme provides Grants-in-aid to the State Governments with objective to support their efforts to make available the latest agricultural technologies;
- (b) If so, the amount of Agriculture Infrastructure fund utilized to build food storage and warehousing in rural area of district Gopalganj in Bihar; and
- (c) The details of the outcome of the Scheme in Bihar?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Yes. Centrally Sponsored Scheme '**Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms**' popularly known as **ATMA Scheme** is under implementation since 2005 for promoting decentralized and farmer-friendly extension system in the country. Presently, 691 districts of 28 states & 5 UTs are covered under the scheme **(Including all the 38 districts of Bihar)**. Under the scheme Grants-in-Aid is released to the State Governments with an objective to support State Government's efforts to

make available the latest agricultural technologies and good agricultural practices in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied areas to farmers through different extension activities viz; Farmers Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Mela, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and organizing Farm Schools etc.

(b): Central Sector Scheme of financing facility under '**Agriculture Infrastructure Fund**' was launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020. The scheme provides interest subvention and credit guarantee support for creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets. Food Storage and Warehousing facility is one of the eligible activities under the scheme. This scheme is a demand-driven, till now nobody has applied.

(c): **ATMA Scheme:** During the current financial year an amount of Rs.7200.00 lakh has been allocated to the State of Bihar against which an amount of Rs.1800.00 lakh has already been released to carry out extension activities. **93875 farmers** have been benefited through different extension activities (Up to 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2021) under ATMA Scheme.

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