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AGRO-ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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

- (a) the main features of the Innovation and Agro Entrepreneurship Development Programme;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this programme in Rajasthan;
- (c) the details of the target set and achievements made there under so far;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any percentage for women under this programme; and
- (e) if so, the details of number of women supported through this programme in Rajasthan so far?

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 an incubation ecosystem. In this connection, this Ministry has appointed five Knowledge Partners (KPs) as Center of Excellence and twenty four RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness

Incubators (R-ABIs) from across the country for implementation of this programme. List of KPs and R-ABIs is enclosed at Annexure.

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. It has two components viz. I. Innovation Fund; II. Incubation Fund and National Coordinating Unit (NCU).

(b) Under the Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development programme, the funds are sanctioned, allocated and utilized KP and R-ABI wise and not state-wise. However, the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized in respect of National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM), Jaipur and Sri Karan Narendra Agriculture University (SKNAU), Jobner functioning under “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship programme in Rajasthan are given below.

Amount in Rs. in lakh

Allocation	Release	Utilization
2121.10	1389.30	959.47

(c) A target of maximum of 20 startups per KP and RABI for each category of seed and pre-seed is to be supported in a financial year.

So far, 799 startups on an all India basis have been provided financial and technical support in the area of agriculture and allied sectors by various KPs and R-ABIs under Innovation and Agri-entrepreneurship programme. Rs. 4299.21 lakhs in installments has been released for funding to these 799 startups through respective KPs & R-ABIs.

(d) & (e) Women entrepreneurs are encouraged under this programme. So far, 7 startups led by women have been supported through this programme in Rajasthan.

Annexure

List of Knowledge Partners (KPs) and RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs)

Knowledge Partners (KPs):

- 1) National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad.
- 2) National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM) Jaipur.
- 3) Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) Pusa, New Delhi.
- 4) University of Agriculture Science, Dharwad, Karnataka.
- 5) Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat, Assam.

RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs)

- 1) Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Hisar, Haryana
- 2) CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh
- 3) IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- 5) ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
- 6) Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab
- 7) Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- 8) Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu
- 9) IIM, Kashipur, Uttarakhand
- 10) Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala
- 11) ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad, Telangana
- 12) Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- 13) Agri innovation and entrepreneurship cell, ANGRAU, Andhra Pradesh
- 14) National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack, Odisha
- 15) S K N Agriculture University, Jobner, Rajasthan
- 16) Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, West Bengal
- 17) Bihar Agricultural University, Bhagalpur, Bihar
- 18) Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat
- 19) ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 20) Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola, Maharashtra
- 21) National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (NIVEDI), Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 22) College of Fisheries, Lembucherra, Tripura
- 23) Department of Veterinary Medicine College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Aizawl, Mizoram
- 24) College of Horticulture & Forestry, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh
