GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1608 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th July, 2022

TRAINING OF FARMERS

1608. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

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

- (a) the manner in which the work of imparting training to farmers for agricultural work is carried out by the Government;
- (b) the types of institutions which are involved in it;
- (c) the details of such training institutions and the number of farmers trained in Rajasthan; and
- (d) the manner in which farmers are identified for training and the details of the benefits provided to them?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) & (b): Training of farmers is an inbuilt component of various Schemes under implementation in Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. The following major Schemes involve imparting training to farmers for agricultural work: -
 - (i) Scheme on 'Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms' popularly known as Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Scheme;
 - (ii) Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institutes;
 - (iii) Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Scheme.
- **(c):** ATMA Scheme is in 33 districts of Rajasthan in which 43196 farmers were trained during 2021-22.

There are 47 KVKs in Rajasthan which trained 81365 farmers during 2021-22.

(d): The farmers are informed about the training programmes through Newsletter of KVKs, advertisement in newspaper, Notice/Bulletin Board of KVKs, website, messages on mobile of farmers, social media, announcement about training programmes during village level programmes, etc. The interested farmers approach to attend the training programmes. Besides, training programmes are also conducted on the demand of farmers' groups, Farmers Producer Organizations, etc. Different organizations also nominate farmers/farmers' groups for training. The benefits of training programmes include enhancement of knowledge related to new varieties of crops, farming techniques, irrigation/micro irrigation techniques, plant protection, optimum use of fertilizers and pesticides, etc.
