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ATMA SCHEME

2673 SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM

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

- (a) the status of the Government's Scheme like Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) in imparting training and skills to rural youths and farmers in agriculture and allied sectors;
- (b) whether the Government is taking any steps to impart special training to women farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a), (b) & (c) A 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, 704 districts of 28 states & 5 UTs are covered under the scheme. 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 **including training and skills to rural youths and farmers** through different extension activities viz; Farmers Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Mela, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and organizing Farm Schools etc. During the last three years i.e. 2019-20 to 2021-22, 27.93 lakh women farmers have benefitted under the ATMA Scheme.

The 'Skill Training of Rural Youth' (STRY) of 'Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension' (SMAE) is under implementation in the country since 2015-16. Under this short term skill training of 7 days (15 trainees per batch) is imparted to rural

youth and farmers including Women on specific vocational areas in agriculture and allied areas.

Skill Training under National Skill Development Mission (NSDM) (minimum 200 hrs): The Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW) has operationalized skill trainings (min. 200 hours duration) imparted to rural youth and farmers including women after the Gazette Notification issued by Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship in July, 2015.

These training are being conducted through wide network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras of ICAR, State Level Training Institutes (SAMETIS), State Agricultural Universities and Training Institutes of DA&FW, across the country. The skills gained by farmers/rural youth in these trainings are useful in gaining self employment. During the last three years (2019-21 to 2021-22), as many as 25,920 rural youth/farmers including women have been trained across the country under STRY and 21,209 rural youth/farmers including women have been trained under Skill Training for minimum 200 hours respectively.

Under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) different types of training programmes are organized for rural youths and farmers through its following four subordinate Regional Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes: -

1. Central Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute, Budni-District (Madhya Pradesh).
2. Northern Regional Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute, Hisar (Haryana).
3. Southern Region Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute, Garladinne-District, Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh)
4. North Eastern Region Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institute, Biswanath Chariali (Assam).

During the last three years i.e. 2019-21 to 2021-22, 15,718 Women Farmers have been trained under SMAM.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country mandated with Technology Assessment and Demonstration for its Application and Capacity Development. KVKs organize training programs for the benefit of farmers and farm women, rural youth and extension personnel. During the last three years i.e. 2019-21 to 2021-22, 43.20 lakh farmers including farm women have been trained by Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)

Sub-Mission on Seeds & Planting Materials (SMSP) is under implementation in which farmers training are carried out on seed production and post harvest seed technology aspects under the components of Seed Village Programme (SVP) and Certified Seed Production through Seed Village (CSP). During the last three years i.e. 2019-21 to 2021-22. 28.67 lakh farmers including farm women have been trained under SMSP.
