

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2513**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**INCENTIVES PROVIDED TO KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS**

2513. SHRI UJJWAL RAMAN SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any increase in the incentives provided to Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) as assistance to farmers for crop residue management machines in the year 2023-24;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the KVKs have provided any alternative crop residue management solutions to the farmers of northern India in the year 2023-24 to discourage stubble burning in the winter season; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Since 2018-19 to 2023-24, the Government provided Rs. 74.96 crore to Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) for creating awareness amongst farmers about suitable alternatives of crop residue management (CRM) under "Information, Education and Communication (IEC)" component of the Central Sector Scheme 'Promotion of Agricultural Mechanization for *In-Situ* Management of Crop Residue in the States of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and National Capital Territory of Delhi'. The IEC component is presently implemented by 65 KVKs including 22 KVKs of Punjab, 14 KVKs of Haryana, 1 KVK of Delhi and 28 KVKs of Uttar Pradesh.

In the year 2024-25 the Government has sanctioned Rs. 33.55 crore to KVKs as assistance to organize activities under IEC component including organization of awareness programmes, demonstrations and hands-on training to farmers on different CRM Machineries.

KVKs organized 5224 awareness camps involving about 3.89 lakh farmers, 1707 training programmes for 60194 farmers, 1.24 lakh demonstrations and 391 Kisan Melas. Further, KVKs also mobilized 2.38 lakh school and college students against residue burning. Besides, social media (WhatsApp, Facebook, and YouTube) and print media have also been used for providing technical advisories to the farmers for crop residue management.

(c) & (d): The KVKs have organized demonstrations, training and awareness programmes on different crop residue management machineries as alternative crop residue management solutions to the farmers. These machines include Happy Seeder, Smart Seeder, Super seeder and Surface Seeder for direct seeding of wheat without burning the rice residue; Reversible Mould Board Plough for incorporating the paddy stubble in the field for production of vegetable/ potato; and other farm machinery like Zero Till Drill, Shrub Master/ Cutter-cum-Spreader, Mulcher/ Chopper, etc. and Bio-decomposer for *in-situ* residue management. Besides, *ex-situ* residue management practices including baler machines were promoted for collecting and bundling crop residues for alternative uses.

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