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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3592**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**SUPPORT FOR WOMEN FARMERS**

3592. Dr. Gumma Thanuja Rani:

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

(a) whether the Government has implemented any schemes for providing financial and infrastructural support to women farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has any data on number of women beneficiaries under PM-KISAN scheme; if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken to impart training and awareness about various central schemes in agricultural sector?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b) : The Government is implementing schemes and programmes for the farmers including women farmers for providing financial and infrastructural support, as per the eligibility and conditions existing in the scheme guidelines.

The brief details of the schemes for providing infrastructural and financial support to the farmers including women farmers are as below:

- i. As part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) was launched in 2020 to promote sustainable agriculture by supporting the development of agricultural infrastructure across India. This initiative aims to empower farmers including women farmers and boost their incomes by facilitating medium- to long-term loans through lending institutions at a maximum interest rate of 9%. Under the AIF, loans are offered for infrastructure projects at farm- gate and

aggregation points. Additionally, the scheme benefits borrowers from an interest subvention of 3% per annum for a duration of up to seven years for loans up to ₹2 crore. To further support borrowers, the initiative includes credit guarantee support by way of reimbursement of credit guarantee fees for loans up to ₹2 crore for 7 years, reducing the financial risks for both lenders and borrowers.

- ii. Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), is a capital investment, open ended, demand driven and credit linked scheme wherein back ended subsidy @ 25% and 33.33% is available based on the eligible category of beneficiary. Assistance is available to Individuals, Farmers including women farmers, Group of farmers/growers, Agri-preneurs, Registered Farmer Produce Organizations (FPOs), Cooperatives, and state agencies etc.
- iii. The Central Sector Scheme 'Namo drone Didi' for providing drones to the women Self Help Groups (SHGs) with an outlay of Rs.1261 Crores has been approved. The scheme aims to provide drones to 15000 selected Women SHGs for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose (application of fertilizers and pesticides).
- iv. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) under which assistance is available for farmers including women farmers for development of Post Harvest Management (PHM) for perishable horticulture crops which includes establishment of pack house, Integrated pack house, pre-cooling, staging cold room, cold storages, controlled atmosphere (CA) storage, reefer transport, primary/mobile processing units, setting up of ripening chambers and Integrated cold chain supply system etc.
- v. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under which the funds are released to the State Governments as Grants-in-Aid on the basis of projects in Agriculture & allied sectors. RKVY is primarily a project oriented scheme, the benefit of which is available to all sections of the farming community including women.
- vi. The Central Sector Scheme National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM) is being implemented for promoting scientific beekeeping for holistic growth of beekeeping industry for income & employment generation, providing livelihood support to farm and nonfarm households, to enhance agriculture / horticulture production. The scheme is being implementing through 3 Mini Missions (MMs) – MM-I, MM-II & MM-III under which thrust is given on awareness, capacity building/ trainings, focus on women empowerment through beekeeping, setting up of requisite infrastructural facilities, viz.; Integrated Beekeeping Development Centres (IBDCs), Honeybees Disease Diagnostic Labs, Setting/ upgradation of Honey Testing labs, Beekeeping Equipment Manufacturing Units, Custom Hiring Centres, Api-therapy Centres, Development of Quality Nucleus Stock Centres & Bee Breeders, etc. under MM-I, Processing, Value-Addition, Market Support, etc. under MM-II and Research & Technology generation under MM-III.

- vii. The Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the scheme 'Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)', as a sub component of DAY-NRLM Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana — National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) with the objective to empower women by making systematic investments to enhance their participation and productivity and create sustainable livelihoods of rural women. Mahila Kisans are provided financial support for establishing primary and secondary processing units. Farmer Producer Groups formed under the scheme are also provided support for marketing infrastructure for collective marketing.

(c): The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is a Central Sector Scheme, being implemented w.e.f. 1st December, 2018. The Scheme aims at providing financial assistance to all landholding farmers families including women farmers across the country, subject to certain exclusion criteria, to enable them to take care of expenses related to agriculture and allied activities as well as domestic needs. Under the Scheme, an amount of Rs. 6000/- per year is transferred in three 4- monthly installments of Rs.2000/- directly into the bank accounts of the farmers. The State-wise details of women beneficiaries benefitted by 18<sup>th</sup> Instalment under PM-KISAN (as on 03.12.2024) is at Annexure.

(d): The trainings are imparted to the farmers under the various Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, as per the eligibility in the scheme guidelines. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Central Institute for Women in Agriculture (CIWA), Bhubaneswar and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) established by the ICAR, New Delhi are also conducting trainings programmes for the farmers including women farmers in the agricultural sector on specific topics. The information about the schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is also being disseminated through electronic media, print media and social media platforms. Also, the events, workshops, seminars and exhibitions are organised for the awareness and information dissemination about the schemes in the agricultural sector. In addition, Krishi Sakhis trained, certified and recognised as Para Agriculture Extension workers by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and their services are being utilised for creating awareness on various central schemes in agriculture sector.

## Annexure

The State-wise details of women beneficiaries benefitted by 18<sup>th</sup> Instalment under PM-KISAN( as on 03.12.2024)

#	State/UT	Women Beneficiaries Count
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	4,758
2	Andhra Pradesh	14,08,093
3	Arunachal Pradesh	47,925
4	Assam	4,37,715
5	Bihar	23,33,893
6	Chhattisgarh	4,77,003
7	Delhi	1,834
8	Goa	862
9	Gujarat	13,31,953
10	Haryana	2,62,934
11	Himachal Pradesh	1,38,880
12	Jammu And Kashmir	88,240
13	Jharkhand	5,63,750
14	Karnataka	10,49,431
15	Kerala	12,36,856
16	Ladakh	2,953
17	Lakshadweep	1,098
18	Madhya Pradesh	16,28,404
19	Maharashtra	17,78,600
20	Manipur	47,211
21	Meghalaya	1,04,507

22	Mizoram	46,252
23	Nagaland	94,919
24	Odisha	7,54,601
25	Puducherry	2,941
26	Punjab	7,058
27	Rajasthan	22,01,131
28	Sikkim	6,897
29	Tamil Nadu	4,91,253
30	Telangana	8,67,620
31	The Dadra And Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	2,662
32	Tripura	51,376
33	Uttar Pradesh	42,12,328
34	Uttarakhand	1,36,072
35	West Bengal	8,15,031
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,26,37,041</b>