

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3617

TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2024

AGRITECH STARTUPS TO PROMOTE INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

3617. Shri Gajendra Singh Patel:

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

- (a) whether the Agritech Startups are the schemes to promote innovation in agriculture sector and increase productivity of farmers in India;
- (b) whether the Agritech startups are the schemes to provide single simplified and digital license in place of multiple licenses for different sectors for the supply of agricultural input products like fertilizers, seeds and pesticides; and
- (c) if so, the date by which the said schemes are likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

- (a) “Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development” programme under the PM-RKVY (Pradhan Mantri-Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana) promotes innovation and agri-entrepreneurship. It provides financial and technical support to nurture startups, including Agritech startups. In addition, AgriSURE Scheme has been launched in September 2024 to support startups including Agritech, through NABVENTURES Ltd. to promote investments in innovative, technology-driven, high-risk, and high-impact activities in agriculture and allied sectors. The National Agriculture Innovation Fund (NAIF) promotes a startup ecosystem in agriculture and allied sectors for technology and skill upgradation through its 50 Agri-Business Incubation Centres (ABICs) in the ICAR network of institutes.
- (b) Startups promoted under the above schemes work in different domains i.e. Farm Mechanization, Precision Agriculture, Post-harvest and creation of value chain, Supply chain and agriculture inputs etc. Agriculture input licenses for products like fertilizers, seeds and pesticides are issued by designated officers of the State Governments.
- (c) Schemes supporting startups mentioned at para (a) above are all operational.
