

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. : 41
(To be answered on the 6th February 2025)**

USE OF DRONES FOR SPRAYING OF FERTILIZERS

***41. SHRI AZAD KIRTI JHA**

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has received any information from the Department of Fertilizers regarding making the provision of ten drones per village to meet the requirement of over six lakh villages for developing entrepreneurs for drone-based spraying of liquid fertilizers such as nano-fertilizers;**
- (b) if so, the measures taken so far in this regard and the outcome thereof; and**
- (c) the time by which the said initiative is expected to be completed?**

ANSWER

Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

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(Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.41 FOR REPLY ON 06.02.2025 REGARDING USE OF DRONES FOR SPRAYING OF FERTILIZERS ASKED BY SHRI AZAD KIRTI JHA

(a) to (c) No such information has been received by this Ministry. However, the Government approved Namu Drone Didi - Central Sector Scheme of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers? Welfare for providing 15,000 drones to the women Self Help Groups (SHGs) during a period of three years 2023-24 to 2025-26 with a view to provide sustainable business and livelihood support to them. 1094 drones have been distributed to Drone Didis of SHGs by Lead Fertilizers Companies (LFCs) in 2023-24 using their internal resources. Out of these 1094 drones, 500 drones have been distributed under the Namu Drone Didi scheme of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers? Welfare. The role of Ministry of Civil Aviation is only to facilitate the manufacturing and registration of drones through a conducive regulatory environment.
