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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1253**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

**PROGRESS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY UNDER RASHTRIYA KRISHI VIKAS  
YOJANA**

1253. SHRI MANI A:

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

- (a) the details of the progress made under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana in terms of enhancing agricultural productivity during the last three years;
- (b) the manner in which the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana supports innovative and sustainable farming practices, including organic farming and precision agriculture;
- (c) the details of the main focus areas under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and the manner in which they have evolved over time to address current agricultural challenges;
- (d) the details of the specific measures implemented under RKVY to benefit small and marginal farmers; and
- (e) the details of the mechanisms that are to implement, monitor and evaluate the performance of RKVY projects across States?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The primary objective of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is to provide flexibility and autonomy to States in implementing projects as per local needs and farmers' priorities. The scheme aims to enhance agricultural production and productivity, making farming a remunerative and sustainable economic activity.

RKVY has strengthened farmers' efforts by facilitating the development of essential pre- and post-harvest infrastructure, ensuring access to quality inputs, storage facilities, and market linkages to improve overall efficiency and profitability in the agriculture sector.

Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development Programme under RKVY promotes innovation and agri-entrepreneurship. The programme provides financial and technical support to nurture startups in the agriculture and allied sectors. Under the programme, financial support upto Rs. 5 lakh is provided at the idea/pre seed stage and upto Rs. 25 lakh at the seed stage to entrepreneurs/ startups in agriculture & allied sector to launch their products, services, business platforms, etc and to facilitate in scaling up. The innovative technologies developed by these startups contribute to making agriculture more sustainable and climate-resilient, including organic farming and precision agriculture.

(d): PM-RKVY prioritizes marginal and small farmers by promoting low-cost, resource-efficient farming techniques. Targeted initiatives include custom hiring centers, crop diversification and access to micro-irrigation technologies. PKVY component of PM-RKVY is implemented for promotion of organic farming for small and marginal farmers also with average holding size of less than two hectares. There is no separate segregation of small & marginal farmers.

(e): All components of RKVY are implemented through the States/UTs. Agriculture departments of States/UTs are nodal agency for coordination, preparation of plans, implementing, monitoring and evaluation. State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by the Chief Secretary of the State, with representation from agriculture and allied departments also oversees the Scheme at the State level. As per operational guidelines of RKVY, 25% of the projects sanctioned by the States each year under all components of scheme shall be taken up for third party monitoring and evaluation by them.

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