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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.1335**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> February, 2025  
**PROMOTION OF MULTI-LAYER FARMING**

1335. SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

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

- (a) whether any special training or financial assistance is being provided to promote multi-layer farming in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether any new scheme has been introduced by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to promote multi-layer farming as a climate-friendly agricultural method considering the environmental and economic benefits of it;
- (d) whether any awareness campaigns are being run by the Government in this direction, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the concessions being given to small and marginal farmers to help them to adopt multi-layer farming;
- (f) whether any provision has been made to provide subsidy or loan for this purpose, if so, the details thereof;
- (g) the measures taken by the Government to make multi-layer farmings techniques and modern agricultural equipments available to farmers in Madhya Pradesh; and
- (h) whether adequate guidance is being provided to the farmers by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): Trainings are organized for integrated agriculture including intercropping, multilayer cropping and multi cropping under Schemes like MIDH, PDMC, ATMA and agro-forestry etc. in Madhya Pradesh

(c) to (f): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme ‘Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms’ popularly known as ATMA Scheme is under implementation across the country since 2005 covering all aspects of farming activities. Presently, 739 districts of 28 states & 5 UTs in the country are covered under the Scheme. The scheme promotes decentralized and demand driven farmer-friendly extension system in the country. Under the scheme Grants-in-Aid is released to the State Governments with an objective to supplement the efforts of State Government in disseminating latest agricultural technologies among the farmers through training, demonstrations, exposure visits, kisan mela, mobilization of ‘Farmers Interest Groups’ and setting-up of Farm Schools in the field of progressive farmers. The Activity-wise details of Farmers benefitted under the Scheme during 2023-24 are given as under:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>All India</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>
1.	Exposure Visit	431495	36450
2.	Training	1208559	74582
3.	Demonstration	217568	12007
4.	Kisan Mela/FSI/KG	1511648	213533
5.	Farmers Interest Groups (FIGs)	22410	4218
6.	Farm School	288500	39000
<b>Total: -</b>		<b>3680180</b>	<b>379790</b>

Government of Madhya Pradesh encourages multilayer farming by providing subsidies to farmers for poly-houses, shed-net and micro irrigation under various schemes.

(g): Modern Agriculture equipments are being provided to the farmers in various existing schemes in Madhya Pradesh.

(h): The Government has set up 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the Country including 54 KVKs in Madhya Pradesh for promotion of new technologies of agriculture and allied sectors including multilayer farming through technology assessment, demonstration and capacity development among the extension functionaries of state governments and farmers. The activities of KVKs include on-farm testing to identify the location specificity of technology under various farming systems; frontline demonstration to establish the production potential of improved agricultural technologies on the farmers’ fields; capacity development of extension functionaries and farmers for knowledge and skill up gradation; and production of quality seeds, planting materials and other technology inputs for availability to the farmers. In order to develop awareness of improved agricultural technology among the farmers, a large number of extension activities are taken up by the KVKs. The details of activities carried out by the KVKs during 2023-24 are as follows:

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>All India</b>	<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>
1	On- farm trials conducted (Number)	47650	7228
2	Total Frontline demonstrations conducted (Number)	275739	22218
3	Farmers trained(in lakh)	21.56	1.24
4	Extension Personnel trained (in lakh)	1.6	0.06
5	Participants in extension activities (in lakh)	205.12	23.22
6	Production of seed (in lakh q)	1.86	0.13
7	Planting material produced (in lakh)	464.29	20.98
8	Live-stock strains and finger lings produced (in lakh)	343.08	0.37
9	Soil, water, plant, manures samples tested (in lakh)	3.05	0.24

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