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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 271**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

**SKILL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR FARMERS**

271. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:

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

- (a) the details of the number of farmers benefited/trained under the skill development schemes implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare during the last three years, year-wise; and
- (b) the funds allotted/utilized under respective schemes in the districts of Tiruchirappalli and Pudukottai?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): The Government has initiated and is implementing the following schemes aimed to provide farmers with latest skilling requirements.

The Government is implementing Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) with the objective to impart short term skill training (7 days duration) to rural youths and farmers in agriculture and allied sectors for upgradation of their knowledge and skills and promote wage/self employment in rural areas. The component aims at providing short duration skill based training programs to rural youth and farmers on agri-based vocational areas for creating a pool of skilled manpower. Recently, the STRY programme has been subsumed under ATMA cafeteria.

The Government is implementing skill development programmes through Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in different States of the Country to serve as single window agricultural knowledge, resource and capacity development centres with mandate of technology assessment and demonstration for its use and capacity building. As part of its activities, the KVKs are imparting training to the farmers,

farm women and rural youths on different aspects of agriculture and allied sectors (Crop Production, Horticulture, Soil Health and Fertility Management, Livestock Production and Management, Home Science/Women empowerment, Agril. Engineering, Plant Protection, Fisheries, Production of Input at site, Agro forestry etc.) for their capacity building.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms' popularly known as Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) is implemented across the country by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. The scheme promotes decentralized farmer-friendly Extension system in the country with an objective to support State Government's efforts to revitalize the extension system and making available the latest agricultural technologies and good agricultural practices in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied areas to farmers, farm women and youth, through various interventions like Farmers Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Melas etc. Presently, the scheme is being implemented in 739 districts of 28 States & 5 UTs in the country.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing 'Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization' (SMAM). For implementation of this scheme Four Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institutes (FMTTIs) located at Budni (Madhya Pradesh), Hissar (Haryana), Geraldine (Andhra Pradesh) and Biswanath Chariali (Assam) are engaged in the country for imparting skill development training courses to different categories of beneficiaries like farmers, technicians, under graduate engineers, entrepreneurs on selection, operation, repair and maintenance, energy conservation and management of agricultural equipments.

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), an umbrella scheme of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, is implemented for ensuring holistic development of agriculture and allied sectors. There is provision for allowing the states to choose their own agriculture and allied sector development activities including training programmes as per the district/state agriculture plan.

The Government has launched National Skill Development Mission under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in July 2015, under which the DA&FW has been operationalizing skill training courses of minimum 200 hours duration for rural youth and farmers as per the approved Qualification Packs developed by Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) in the areas of agriculture and allied sectors. Recently, this programme has been subsumed under ATMA cafeteria.

The details of the number of farmers benefited/trained under the skill development schemes implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare during the last three years, year-wise is given as under:

S.No.	Schemes	Number of Farmers Trained			Total
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	
1.	STRY	10456	11634	20940	43030
2.	KVK	1691744	1953220	2156363	5801327
3.	ATMA	1359069	1428446	1207207	3994722
4.	SMAM	13261	15440	14971	43672
5.	RKVY	--	3799	2951	6750
6.	MSDE	3470	3715	718	7903
	Total	3078000	3416254	3403150	9897404

(b): The funds allotted/utilized under respective schemes in the districts of Tiruchirappalli and Pudukottai are given as under:

District : Tiruchirappalli.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No	Schemes	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Funds allotted	Funds utilized	Funds allotted	Funds utilized	Funds allotted	Funds utilized
1.	STRY	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	1.26	1.26
2.	ATMA	51.5	51.5	24.9	24.9	21	21
3.	TNSDC STRY	0.88704	0.88704	0.68544	0.68544	--	--
	Total	52.80704	52.80704	26.00544	26.00544	22.26	22.26

Source: State Department of Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu

District : Pudukottai

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No	Schemes	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
		Funds allotted	Funds utilized	Funds allotted	Funds utilized	Funds allotted	Funds utilized
1.	STRY	0.84	0.84	0.42	0.42	1.26	1.26
2.	ATMA	56.40	56.40	39.50	39.50	19.60	19.60
3.	TNSDC STRY	1.69	1.65	0.60	0.58	--	--
	Total	58.93	58.89	40.52	40.50	20.86	20.86

Source: State Department of Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu.

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