GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 370 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY 2025

MECHANISM TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC STATUS OF FARMERS

370. DR. NISHIKANT DUBEY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to improve the economic status of farmers by facilitating access to agricultural machinery which plays a crucial role in modern agriculture, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the schemes initiated and designed to support farmers in acquiring agricultural machinery and the number of beneficiaries so far, State-wise;
- (c) whether the subsidies under the scheme will be directly transferred to the beneficiaries' bank account; and
- (d) 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) to (d): The emphasis of the Government is to promote mechanization with the specific aim of increasing the reach of farm mechanization to small and marginal farmers and to the regions where availability of farm power is low and promoting 'Custom Hiring Centers' to offset the adverse economies of scale arising due to small land holding and high cost of individual ownership.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization' (SMAM) is being implemented through the State Governments w.e.f. 2014-15 under which financial assistance is provided for purchase of agricultural machines and equipments including tractors to the farmers on individual ownership basis and for establishment of Custom Hiring Centre (CHC)/High Tech Hub/Farm Machinery Banks (FMBs). Since inception of the SMAM, funds amounting to Rs. 7856.28 Crores has been released to various states. The States have supplied more than 19.51 lakh machines and equipments to the farmers on individual ownership basis and more than 52,000 CHCs/Hi-tech Hubs/FMBs have been established in various States. The State-wise details since 2014-15 to 2024-25 (as on 30.01.2025) are at Annexure-I. The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is also implementing Crop Residue Management (CRM) Scheme from 2018-19 in order to support the efforts of the Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi to address air pollution and to subsidize machinery required for management of crop residue. The scheme promotes the usage of machines for in-situ and ex-situ management of paddy straw. Under this scheme, during the period from 2018-19 to 2024-25 (as on 30.01.2025), an amount of Rs. 3607.88 Crore have been released to these States and ICAR. The States have established more than 41,900 Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs) of crop residue management machines and more than 3.23 lakh crop residue management machines have been supplied to these CHCs and individual farmers of these States. The State-wise details are at Annexure-II. The financial assistance under these schemes is released to the beneficiaries under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

State-wise details of funds released, machines distributed and CHCs/Hi-Tech Hubs/FMBs established under SMAM since 2014-15 to 2024-25 (as on 30.01.2025)

State	FUNDS RELEASED (RS. IN CRORE)	NOS. OF AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY DISTRIBUTED	NOS. OF CUSTOM HIRING CENTRES/HI- TECH HUBS/FARM MACHINERY BANKS ESTABLISHED
Andhra Pradesh	855.37	251514	10598
Arunachal	65.87	40824	13
Assam	123.71	3163	787
Bihar	157.23	39535	2005
Chhattisgarh	321.05	102736	2978
Gujarat	92.73	29733	247
Haryana	266.54	24870	2313
HP	173.81	43637	53
J&K	76.71	19822	387
Jharkhand	33.95	0	527
Karnataka	1036.38	306785	790
Kerala	298.1	118105	1687
MP	511.85	279300	1778
Maharashtra	602.93	103525	1430
Manipur	113.14	20283	820
Meghalaya	25.19	2457	8
Mizoram	43.7	5730	339
Nagaland	231.65	21373	609
Orissa	346.99	81831	1778
Punjab	109.18	13648	1267
Rajasthan	145.21	32793	1854
Sikkim	51.47	7128	52
Tamil Nadu	803.92	80758	4153
Telengana	55.67	28954	195
Tripura	185.7	54915	727
UP	671.56	182346	11591
Uttarakhand	342.75	42294	2400
West Bengal	101.79	10997	774
D&D Nagar Haveli	1.10	89	0
Puducherry	10.00	621	13
Ladhakh	1.03	1314	0
TOTAL	7856.28	19,51,080	52,173

State-wise details of funds released, machines distributed and CHCs/FMBs established under CRM scheme since 2018-19 to 2024-25 (as on 30.01.2025)

State	FUNDS	NOS. OF	NOS. OF CUSTOM
	RELEASED	CROP	HIRING CENTRES
	(RS. IN	RESIDUE	ESTABLISHED/FARM
	CRORE)	MACHINERY	MACHINERY BANKS
	-	DISTRIBUTED	ESTABLISHED
Haryana	1081.71	1,00,882	6775
Punjab	1756.45	1,47,668	25917
Uttar Pradesh	763.67	74,548	9276
NCT of Delhi	6.05	247	0
TOTAL	3607.88	3,23,345	41,968
