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**UN-STARRED QUESTION NO.408**

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**TRAINING TO FARMERS**

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

- (a) The objective behind the collaboration projects and the manner in which it aims to benefit farmers in India;
- (b) Whether there are any initiatives planned to train farmers to use tools or systems developed thereunder;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The details of training programme running for farmers in Hazaribag, Ramgarh and Parliamentary Constituency of Sidhi and the number of farmers trained so far along with the details of new proposals to train the farmers on priority?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in collaboration with State Governments and ICAR organizes training programmes for the benefits of farmers. This Department implements a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms (ATMA)" to supplement the efforts of State Government to make them available the latest agricultural technologies and good agricultural practices on various thematic areas of agriculture and allied sector to enhance crop production and farm income of farming community. The scheme envisages upgradation of knowledge and skill of the farmers to adopt advanced and innovative technologies for sustainable agriculture development.

(b)&(c) 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. 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 Government has set up 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the Country for promotion of new agricultural technologies 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 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.

(d) Training to farmers on Agriculture, Horticulture and allied sectors are being imparted regularly under various schemes of the department. The knowledge and skill of the farmers are upgraded through various extension activities such as Exposure Visits, Farmers-Scientist-Interactions, Demonstrations, Kisan Mela and Farm Schools.

During the year 2023-24, as many as 2769 number of farmers in Ramgarh, 719 number of farmers in Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand State and 10025 number of famers of Parliamentary constituency in Sidhi of Madhya Pradesh have been trained through ATMA, KVKs and other Schemes of the Department.

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