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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4296**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025

**IMPACT OF AC&ABC SCHEME**

4296. SHRI SANJAY UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH:  
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantitative impact of the Agri Clinic and Agribusiness Centres (AC&ABC) Scheme in the country on increasing agricultural productivity, adoption of improved technologies and increasing the incomes of farmers receiving services from these centres, State and district-wise particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of farmers on average being served by each operational agri-clinic and agri-business, State-wise particularly in Maharashtra;
- (c) the geographical reach of these centres; and
- (d) whether indirect employment has been generated due to setting up of AC&ABC enterprises particularly in remote and under-served rural areas of Maharashtra?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): As of 12.08.2025, a total of 41,664 ventures have been established under the Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC) Scheme across the country, including 13,263 ventures in Maharashtra, State since its inception in 2002. Two major impact evaluation studies on the AC&ABC Scheme were conducted to assess its outcomes. These studies revealed that the major benefit was an increase in awareness among farmers regarding scientific farming practices, which led to higher production per hectare and improved cropping intensity. The quantitative data showed that 82% of farmers experienced increased productivity, 71% achieved optimum usage of farm inputs, 72% improved plant protection practices and 14% improved production knowledge. The findings showed a consistently positive impact of the scheme. Almost all farmers surveyed (98%) confirmed receiving relevant and useful information from agripreneurs, with 81% obtaining crop-related details and 23% receiving information on dairy. 86% of farmers reported increased income or yield as a result of following agripreneurs' advice.

(b): The number of farmers on average being served by the each operational agri-clinic and agri business across the country including Maharashtra is about 1410 spread at an average of 47 farmers each in 30 villages.

(c): The district wise spread of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres in the country including Maharashtra State is given below:

Sl. No.	State	Number of Districts with AC&ABC Ventures	Number of AC&ABC Ventures established	Approximate Number of farmers being served by Agri-ventures
1.	Andhra Pradesh	19	538	758580
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3	3	4230
3.	Assam	24	281	396210
4.	Bihar	42	1630	2298300
5.	Chandigarh	1	2	2820
6.	Chhattisgarh	25	424	597840
7.	Delhi	3	6	8460
8.	Goa	1	10	14100
9.	Gujarat	33	916	1291560
10.	Haryana	18	251	353910
11.	Himachal Pradesh	10	112	157920
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	17	191	269310
13.	Jharkhand	22	222	313020
14.	Karnataka	43	1968	2774880
15.	Kerala	13	87	122670
16.	Madhya Pradesh	53	2718	3832380
17.	Maharashtra	36	13263	18700830
18.	Manipur	9	135	190350
19.	Meghalaya	3	4	5640
20.	Nagaland	4	22	31020
21.	Odisha	18	116	163560
22.	Puducherry	3	92	129720
23.	Punjab	18	225	317250
24.	Rajasthan	34	2044	2882040
25.	Sikkim	1	1	1410
26.	Tamil Nadu	38	5091	7178310
27.	Telangana	32	668	941880
28.	Tripura	2	2	2820
29.	Uttar Pradesh	95	10087	14222670
30.	Uttarakhand	9	212	298920
31.	West Bengal	20	343	483630
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>41664</b>	<b>58746240</b>

(d): As per the impact evaluation report each AC&ABC enterprise generated, on average, employment for more than six persons, with about **90%** of them receiving direct employment.

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