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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2570
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2025

SCHEMES TO PROMOTE SKILL DEVELOPMENT AMONG FARMERS

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

- (a) the details of the schemes and programmes being implemented by the Government to promote skill development, capacity building and training among farmers in agriculture and allied sectors;
- (b) whether these schemes are being effectively implemented in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof, district-wise;
- (c) the specific initiatives, training modules, exposure visits, farmer field schools and digital agri-skilling programmes conducted in Dharmapuri district during the last five years;
- (d) the number of farmers in Dharmapuri who have benefitted from these skill-development programmes, year-wise; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes additional support or new programmes to enhance skill development for farmers in Dharmapuri, particularly in modern farming techniques, FPO development and allied sector diversification 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): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms” (ATMA) is being implemented in 734 districts of 28 states & 5 UTs for promoting decentralized and farmer-friendly extension system in the country. The objective of the Scheme is to support State Government’s efforts and to make available latest agricultural technologies and good agricultural practices in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied areas to farmers through different extension activities viz; Farmers Training, Skill Training of Rural Youth, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Mela, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and organizing Farm Schools etc.

Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) aims at providing short duration skill-based training programs to rural youth including farmers on agri-based vocational areas. STRY is implemented by National Institute of Extension Management (MANAGE) with the support of State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institutes (SAMETIs) and Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA). More than 86,000 rural youth including farmers have been trained so far under the scheme since 2015-16.

In addition to STRY, skill training programmes of min. 200 hours duration has been operationalized in DA&FW as per the guidelines of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship from July, 2015.

The Government is implementing Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) scheme in different States including Tamil Nadu of the Country with mandate of technology assessment and demonstration for its use and capacity development. As part of its activities, the KVKs impart training to the farmers, farm women and rural youth on different aspects of agriculture and allied sectors for their capacity building.

(b): **Yes.** ATMA Scheme is being implemented in all the districts of Tamil Nadu State including Dharmapuri District. Similarly, Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) Scheme is also under implementation in 31 districts of Tamil Nadu including in Dharmapuri district (**Annexure-I**).

STRY is being implemented in Tamil Nadu successfully with the support of SAMETI. The district-wise and year-wise status of the youth trained under the programs in the state is enclosed at **Annexure-II**.

(c): Details of Training Programmes and Exposure Visits conducted under ATMA and KVKs in Dharmapuri District during last five years (2020-21 to 2024-25) are given here under: -

Sl. No.	Activity	Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA)		Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)	
		Number of Programmes	Number of Participants	Number of Programmes	Number of Participants
1.	Training Programme	683	34,336	564	18,404
2.	Exposure Visit	291	8,730	92	2,509

(d): A total of 168 rural youth including farmers have availed benefit under the program. The details on number of youth including farmers trained under STRY in Dharmapuri district during last five years are provided below: -

Districts	No. of youth trained under STRY (No.)				
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Dharmapuri	0	56	28	28	56

The number of farmers in Dharmapuri, who have benefitted from skill Development Programmes is as under: -

Sl. No.	Year	Number of Skill Training Conducted	Number of Beneficiaries
1.	2020-21	1	28
2.	2021-22	2	39
3.	2022-23	2	41
4.	2023-24	2	56
5.	2024-25	2	56
TOTAL: -		9	220

(e): In FPO, The Tamil Nadu Government has provided a Millet Processing Unit to the Pambar Farmers Producer Organization at Kelavalli, Morappur Block of Dharmapuri District through the Department of Agriculture Marketing and Agri- Business. Using this Processing Unit, Farmers of nearby blocks are also getting benefitted by selling the value added Millet products.

Annexure-I

District wise details of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) functional in Tamil Nadu			
Sl. No	District/KVK	Type of Host Organization	Year of Establishment
1	Ariyalur	NGO	2009
2	Chengalpattu	SAU (TANUVAS)	1985
3	Coimbatore	NGO	1979
4	Cuddalore	SAU (TNAU)	1985
5	Dharmapuri	SAU (TNAU)	2006
6	Dindigul	DU (GRI)	1989
7	Erode	NGO	1992
8	Kallakurichi	SAU (TANUVAS)	2018
9	Kanyakumari	SAU (TNAU)	2004
10	Karur	NGO	2005
11	Krishnagiri	NGO	1978
12	Madurai	SAU (TNAU)	2004
13	Nagapattinam	SAU (TNJFU)	2004
14	Namakkal	SAU (TANUVAS)	2004
15	Perambalur	NGO	2002
16	Pudukkottai	SAU (TNAU)	2004
17	Ramanathapuram	SAU (TNAU)	2004
18	Salem	SAU (TNAU)	1994
19	Sivagangai	SAU (TANUVAS)	1996
20	The Nilgiris	SAU (TNAU)	2022
21	Theni	NGO	1994
22	Thenkasi	NGO	1994
23	Thoothukudi	NGO	1996
24	Tiruchirappalli	SAU (TNAU)	1977
25	Tirupur	SAU (TNAU)	2019
26	Tiruvallur	SAU (TNAU)	2004
27	Tiruvannamalai	NGO	1991
28	Tiruvarur	SAU (TNAU)	2004
29	Vellore	SAU (TNAU)	2004
30	Villupuram	SAU (TNAU)	2004
31	Virudhunagar	SAU (TNAU)	2006

Annexure-II

Sl. No	Districts	Number of Youth trained under Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY)				
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Ariyalur	15	15	15	30	0
2	Coimbatore	28	28	28	56	28
3	Cuddalore	28	28	28	56	28
4	Dharmapuri	0	56	28	28	56
5	Dindigul	28	28	28	28	28
6	Erode	56	28	28	56	56
7	Kanchipuram	28	28	28	56	28
8	Kanyakumari	28	56	28	56	28
9	Karur	0	56	28	56	56
10	Krishnagiri	28	28	28	56	56
11	Madurai	0	56	28	56	56
12	Nagapattinam	0	56	28	56	84
13	Namakkal	0	56	28	28	0
14	Perambalur	15	43	15	56	28
15	Pudukkottai	0	56	28	84	28
16	Ramanathapuram	0	56	28	56	56
17	Salem	28	28	28	56	28
18	Sivaganga	15	15	15	30	28
19	Thanjavur	15	15	28	56	56
20	Theni	28	112	28	56	28
21	Thoothukudi (Tuticorin)	15	15	15	15	28
22	Tirunelveli	0	56	28	84	28
23	Tiruppur	28	28	28	56	0
24	Tiruvallur	28	28	28	56	28
25	Tiruvannamalai	28	56	28	71	58
26	Tiruvarur	15	28	28	84	56
27	Trichy	28	28	28	84	84
28	Vellore	28	56	28	56	56
29	Viluppuram	28	28	28	56	28
30	Virudhunagar	28	140	56	56	56
31	The Nilgiris	0	15	28	43	28
32	Tenkasi	15	15	15	30	43
33	Ranipet	28	28	0	56	0
34	Thirupattur	0	28	28	56	0
35	Chengalpat	0	28	28	56	56
36	Kallkurichi	28	28	28	56	0
37	Mayiladurai	0	0	28	56	28
Total: -		637	1449	971	1983	1333
