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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.274**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2025

**SCHEMES FOR PROVIDING AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION TO FARMERS**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that farmers in the country are mostly poor and have very small land holdings and lack access to both technology and knowledge about advanced methods of farming, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the Government schemes for providing agricultural education to farmers;
- (c) the number of farmers who have been provided education under these schemes during the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase coverage of farmers under these schemes?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR)

(a): The average size of land holding as per agricultural census 2015-16 is 1.08 hectares. More than 86 percent of the farmers are operating on small and marginal land holdings. The Government provides agricultural education to farmers primarily through the extensive network of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms" popularly known as Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Scheme and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs).

(b): ATMA Scheme aims at supporting 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, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Mela, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and organizing Farm Schools etc. Under this Scheme, it has been provisioned that at least 50% beneficiaries must be selected from Small & Marginal farmer category. Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) promotes adoption of new technologies of agriculture and allied sectors by technology assessment, demonstration and capacity development among the extension functionaries of state governments and farmers including farm women in different States of the Country.

(c): The details of farmers benefitted through different extension activities under ATMA Scheme and KVKs during last three years and current financial year (upto 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2025) are enclosed at **Annexure-I** and **Annexure-II**, respectively.

(d): It is provisioned in the existing ATMA Guidelines, 2025 that extent of coverage shall be in all the districts across the country. More emphasis is being laid on National Priority Areas like promotion of natural farming, post-harvest technology, marketing, digital extension for increasing outreach to large number of farmers. Similarly, to increase the coverage, ICAR has launched an online platform named Kisan Sarathi (System of Agri-information Resources Auto-transmission and Technology Hub Interface) for providing a seamless, multimedia, multi-ways connectivity to the farmers with the latest agricultural technologies, knowledge base and the pool of large number the subject matter experts to farming community.

Annexure-I		
DETAILS OF FARMERS BENEFITTED UNDER AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT AGENCY SCHEME (ATMA) DURING LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (Upto October, 2025)		
SL. No.	States/UTs	Number of Farmers Benefitted
1	Andhra Pradesh	98,711
2	Bihar	21,13,949
3	Chhattisgarh	2,27,189
4	Goa	34,087
5	Gujarat	7,72,526
6	Haryana	81,600
7	Himachal Pradesh	1,19,941
8	Jammu and Kashmir	1,20,355
9	Jharkhand	1,44,829
10	Karnataka	5,90,109
11	Kerala	2,87,202
12	Maharashtra	13,71,441
13	Madhya Pradesh	6,71,107
14	Odisha	2,74,101
15	Punjab	2,36,040
16	Rajasthan	7,76,389
17	Telangana	13,962
18	Tamil Nadu	20,33,677
19	Uttar Pradesh	18,73,552
20	Uttarakhand	1,64,955
21	West Bengal	7,67,740
22	Assam	1,76,250
23	Arunachal Pradesh	1,40,324
24	Manipur	60,126
25	Meghalaya	91,672
26	Mizoram	20,139
27	Nagaland	2,11,012
28	Tripura	74,239
29	Sikkim	25,510
30	Delhi	6,025
31	Puducherry	25,347
32	Andaman and Nikobar Island	33,089
33	Laddakh	5,877
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,36,43,072</b>

<b>DETAILS OF FARMERS BENEFITTED UNDER KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRAS (KVKs) DURING LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR (Upto October, 2025)</b>		
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of State/UT</b>	<b>Number of Farmers Trained</b>
1	Andaman and Nikobar Island	8,668
2	Andhra Pradesh	2,78,431
3	Arunachal Pradesh	88,606
4	Assam	1,12,251
5	Bihar	7,27,509
6	Chhattisgarh	3,67,131
7	Delhi	4,518
8	Goa	16,839
9	Gujarat	3,46,981
10	Haryana	1,67,631
11	Himachal Pradesh	1,13,043
12	Jammu and Kashmir	1,46,736
13	Jharkhand	2,91,470
14	Karnataka	4,86,839
15	Kerala	3,87,532
16	Ladakh	36,388
17	Lakshadweep	2,673
18	Madhya Pradesh	4,64,061
19	Maharashtra	7,09,485
20	Manipur	39,798
21	Meghalaya	56,216
22	Mizoram	51,410
23	Nagaland	46,047
24	Odisha	2,20,361
25	Puducherry	12,280
26	Punjab	1,18,806
27	Rajasthan	3,22,083
28	Sikkim	19,708
29	Tamil Nadu	5,66,907
30	Telangana	1,82,840
31	Tripura	41,258
32	Uttar Pradesh	8,39,014
33	Uttarakhand	71,787
34	West Bengal	3,12,763
<b>Total</b>		<b>76,58,070</b>