

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5221
ANSWERED ON 24/03/2026**

FEATURES OF NAMO DRONE DIDI SCHEME

5221. Dr. Bachhav Shobha Dinesh:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the main features, objectives and launching time of the Namu Drone Didi Scheme in the country;**
- (b) whether the scheme has been implemented in all districts and villages of Maharashtra, if so, the current status thereof, district-wise;**
- (c) the number of women or Women Self-Help Groups (SHGs) provided with drones under the scheme in the country;**
- (d) the specific details relating to the Dhule Lok Sabha Constituency in Maharashtra;**
- (e) the target fixed for Maharashtra under the scheme;**
- (f) the targets fixed for Yavatmal and Washim districts under the scheme; and**
- (g) the number of women or SHGs in the Dhule Lok Sabha Constituency who have directly benefitted under the scheme so far?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(DR. CHANDRA SEKHAR PEMMASANI)**

(a) to (g): Government has approved 'Namu Drone Didi' as Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 1261 Crores for the period from 2023-24 to 2025-26 for providing drones to the selected Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose (application of fertilizers and pesticides). As per the information provided by the Department of Fertilizers, Lead Fertilizer Companies (LFCs) have distributed 500 drones under the Namu Drone Didi Scheme.

All these drone didis have been provided training at the Remote Pilot Organisations (RPTOs) authorised by DGCA. The district-wise

details of drones distributed in Maharashtra and SHG members trained as drone pilots are given at Annexure.

The Committee at State level with members drawn from Department of Agriculture/Agricultural Engineering of the State, Rural Development, State Mission Directorate of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), State Cooperative Department, Lead Banks/ National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD), representatives of Lead Fertilizer Company (LFC) nominated for the state, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)/State Agricultural Universities (SAUs)/Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) is responsible for selection of appropriate clusters for drone usage, selection of the progressive women SHGs under DAY - NRLM in the States in the identified clusters for providing drones, selection of members of the women SHGs for drone pilot and drone assistant training, assessment of district-wise drone usage, identification of existing gap, availability and future requirements of drone usage, providing/ensuring business to selected Women SHGs in coordination with the LFCs and Pesticide companies etc.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTs (a) to (g) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5221 ANSWERED ON 24.03.2026 REGARDING “Features of Namu Drone Didi Scheme”.**

S.NO	District	No. of SHGs supplied with drones and provided training in Maharashtra
1	Ahmednagar	06
2	Akola	02
3	Amravati	01
4	Beed	03
5	Bhandara	01
6	Buldhana	01
7	Chandrapur	01
8	Chatrapati Sambhajinagar	01
9	Dharasiv	03
10	Dhule	02
11	Gadchiroli	01
12	Hingoli	01
13	Jalgaon	01
14	Jalna	02
15	Kolhapur	05
16	Latur	01
17	Nandurbar	01
18	Nasik	04
19	Palghar	01
20	Parbhani	02
21	Pune	05
22	Raigad	01
23	Sangli	04
24	Satara	03
25	Sindhudurg	01
26	Solapur	04
27	Wardha	01
28	Washim	01
