

**Statement**

*State-wise status of grant-in-aid released under the Scheme  
“Assistance to Cooperative”*

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of Unions Assisted	Grant-in-Aid released		
			State Government Share	GOI's Share	Total fund released
1.	Assam	1	670.00	678.00	1348.00
2.	Chhattisgarh	1	240.00	235.00	475.00
3.	Haryana	2	494.00	494.00	988.00
4.	Karnataka	4	790.54	790.54	1581.08
5.	Kerala	1	206.60	206.60	413.20
6.	Madhya Pradesh	4	2675.00	2675.00	5350.00
7.	Maharashtra	4	417.00	417.00	834.00
8.	Nagaland	1	10.24	10.24	20.48
9.	Punjab	6	2199.96	2507.27	4707.23
10.	Tamil Nadu	4	1135.50	1173.50	2309.00
11.	Uttar Pradesh	10	1894.97	1894.97	3789.94
12.	West Bengal	1	321.92	321.92	643.84
TOTAL:		39	11055.73	11404.04	22459.77

**Depleting soil quality**

2671. SHRI MANGALA KISAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any initiative to spread awareness of depleting soil quality among farmers; and

(b) whether there is a national programme to teach farmers about new technology of agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Government is promoting soil test based balanced and

Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) through conjunctive use of both inorganic and organic sources of plant nutrients to prevent deterioration of soil health / quality.

(b) Under the centrally sponsored scheme 'Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms' being implemented in 604 districts of 28 States and 3 Union Territories, grant-in-aid is provided to support State Government's efforts of making available latest agriculture and allied technologies through extension activities namely Farmers Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Mela, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and Setting up of Farm Schools.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is imparting training cum field demonstration to educate farmers.

#### **Agriculture Technology Information Centres**

2672. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Agriculture Technology Information Centres set up in Gujarat, district-wise, particularly in Patan and Banas Kantha Districts;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred by Government for the above purpose during last three years; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide training to farmers about the new technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) As part of Innovations in Technology Dissemination (ITD) component of National Agricultural Technology Project, one Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) was established by ICAR at Gujarat Agricultural University (GAU) at Sardar Krushinagar, Dantiwada, in Banaskantha district of Gujarat (presently Sardar Krushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University). Subsequently, three ATICs, one each by Anand Agricultural University, Navsari Agricultural University, and Junagadh Agricultural University at Anand, Navsari and Junagarh were established by the respective Universities on their own without any financial assistance from ICAR. There is no other ATIC at any of remaining districts including Patan in Gujarat State.

(c) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms" popularly known as Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) scheme is under implementation in 604 districts of 28 states and 3 UTs of the country, with an objective to support State Governments efforts of revitalization of the extension system and making available the latest agriculture and allied technologies in different agro-climatic conditions through extension activities such as farmers training, demonstrations, exposure visits, Kisan Melas, mobilization of farmers groups and setting