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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1292
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/02/2021

AWARENESS ON AGRI-BUSINESS INCUBATION

1292. Shri Rajeev Satav:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied sector Rejuvenation;
- (b) the details of the number of Agri-Business Incubation Centres started under the said scheme in the country so far, State-wise;
- (c) whether these centres will encourage start-ups in agricultural and allied sectors;
- (d) the amount of funds allocated by Government under the said scheme during the last three years; and
- (e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to create awareness among the farmers in rural and remote villages about the working of the said Agri-Business Incubation Centres?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) has been launched in 2007-08 and the scheme has been revised with effect from 01.11.2017 as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR) with broad objectives of making farming a remunerative economic activity through strengthening the farmer's effort, risk mitigation with major focus on development and creation of pre & post-harvest infrastructure. Under this scheme, funds are released to the State Governments/UTs on the basis of projects related to agriculture and allied sectors, approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by the Chief Secretary of the concerned State/UT which is the empowered body to approve projects for implementation under this scheme. There is an agri-entrepreneurship & innovation component in RKVY-RAFTAAR which is operated by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare.

(b): Five Knowledge Partners (KPs) and twenty four RKVY Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) have been appointed by this Ministry during 2018-19 to advise on smooth and efficient execution of agri-entrepreneurship programme under RKVY in various States. List of these KPs and R-ABIs is at **Annexure**.

(c): So far, 452 startups of agriculture and allied sectors have been selected by Knowledge Partners (KPs) and RKVY Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) for funding under agri-entrepreneurship programme under this scheme.

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(d): Overall allocation under the RKVY-RAFTAAR scheme in the last three years including 8% for innovation and agri-entrepreneurship component is as under:

Year	Allocation (Rs. in crores)
2017-18	4750.00
2018-19	3600.00
2019-20	3745.00

(e): Selected Knowledge Partners (KPs) and RKVY Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) have been disseminating information on agri-entrepreneurship programme of RKVY in their respective regions by organizing meetings. These institutes have been inviting applications by advertising through electronic & print media from potential and interested startups having practical and innovative business idea in agriculture and allied sectors under the agri-entrepreneurship programme of this scheme as per laid down guidelines .

List of Knowledge Partners (KPs) and RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs)

Knowledge Partners (KPs):

- 1) National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad.
- 2) *National Institute of Agricultural Marketing*(NIAM) Jaipur.
- 3) *Indian Agricultural Research Institute* (IARI) Pusa, New Delhi.
- 4) University of Agriculture Science , Dharwad, Karnataka.
- 5) Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat, Assam.

RKVY-RAFTAAR Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs)

- 1) Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Hisar, Haryana
- 2) CSK Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh
- 3) IIT-BHU, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
- 5) ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh
- 6) Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab
- 7) Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur, Chhattisgarh
- 8) Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Jammu
- 9) IIM, Kashipur, Uttarakhand
- 10) Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala
- 11) ICAR-Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad, Telangana
- 12) Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- 13) Agri innovation and entrepreneurship cell, ANGRAU, Andhra Pradesh
- 14) National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack, Odisha
- 15) S K N Agriculture University, Jobner, Rajasthan
- 16) Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, West Bengal
- 17) Bihar Agricultural University, Bhagalpur, Bihar
- 18) Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Gujarat
- 19) ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology, Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 20) Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola, Maharashtra
- 21) National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (NIVEDI), Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 22) College of Fisheries, Lembucherra, Tripura
- 23) Department of Veterinary Medicine College of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Aizawl, Mizoram
- 24) College of Horticulture & Forestry, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh
