

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-517
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23/07/2021

AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION IN INACCESSIBLE REGIONS

517. SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that a sub mission has been launched for agricultural mechanization in order to increase agricultural mechanization for small and marginal farmers and for less fertile and inaccessible regions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received any proposal from Uttar Pradesh regarding agricultural modernization, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the said proposal is pending for approval with Government, if so, the reasons therefor and by when the said proposal would be approved?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) and (b): The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Sub- Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) with effect from 2014-15, with the major objectives of increasing the reach of farm mechanization to small and marginal farmers and to the regions where availability of farm power is low; promoting Custom Hiring Centres/hubs for hi-tech & high value farm machines and creating awareness among stakeholders through demonstration & capacity building activities.

(c) and (d): The Government of Uttar Pradesh under SMAM has submitted an annual action plan including State share for an amount of Rs. 210.00 crores for the year 2021-22, against which the central grants amounting to Rs. 22.12 crores have been released to the Government of Uttar Pradesh as first installment. An amount of Rs. 40.82 crores unspent of the previous year with the Government of Uttar Pradesh has also been revalidated for utilization during 2021-22.
