

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 671
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03/12/2021

REVIVAL OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SCHEME

671. SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) whether small and marginal farmers are unable to avail full benefits of modern agriculture technology and various special schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the name of the States/regions/sectors which are not getting these benefits;
- (c) whether Government has identified the sectors which are using old and outdated technology;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Agriculture Institutes/Universities have played any role in revival of agricultural extension schemes for providing relevant information/knowledge, particularly to the small and marginal farmers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Agriculture is a State subject. Government of India supports and facilitates the State Governments through many Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes to promote agriculture throughout the country and to help small and marginal farmers to gain access to modern agriculture technology. All the schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare are for the benefit of small and marginal farmers across all sections and States.

(c) & (d): Government of India is consistently making efforts to overcome obsolete technology and introduce new technology in agriculture such as High Yielding Variety seeds, Agricultural Mechanization, Micro Irrigation etc.

(e) & (f): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research has established a network of 722 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country with the mandate of Technology Assessment and Demonstration for its Application and Capacity Development for the proper dissemination of information/technology to the farmers including small and marginal ones. Apart from conducting mandated activities, Subject Matter Specialists of KVKs provide a large number of agro advisories to farmers through the M-Kisan portal.

The KVKs are also providing technological backstopping to the programmes and activities carried out by district line department for dissemination of technologies to farmers including small and marginal ones.
