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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 980
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10/02/2023

SCHEMES FOR WOMEN FARMERS

980. SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA :

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

- (a) the schemes being run by Government for the empowerment of women farmers;
- (b) whether any assistance is being provided to women farmers to set up agro-based industries under said schemes; and
- (c) if so, the number of women farmers in Uttar Pradesh getting an assistance to set up agro-based industries?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The Government is implementing various schemes and programmes for the farmers including women farmers as per eligibility and conditions existing in scheme guidelines.

The guidelines of the various beneficiary oriented schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare provide that States and other implementing agencies should incur expenditure on women farmers. These schemes include Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oilseed & Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Sub-Mission for Seed and Planting Material (SMSP), Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana, a sub-component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission with the aim to empower women by making systematic investments to enhance their participation and productivity, as also to create sustainable livelihoods of rural women. It is a demand driven programme implemented in project mode through the State Rural Livelihoods Mission as Project Implementing Agencies.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country mandated with Technology Assessment and Demonstration for its Application and Capacity Development. KVKs organize training programs for the benefit of farmers including women farmers on different aspects of farming in the field of agriculture and allied sectors for knowledge and skill upgradation.

The Central Institute for Women in Agriculture (CIWA), Bhubaneswar under Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi is working with the mandate to undertake research on gender issues in agriculture and allied fields, through its All India Coordinated Research Project Centers in India.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing Central Sector Umbrella Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (PMKSY), Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) and Centrally sponsored PM Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme for setting of Food Processing Industries across all the States including Uttar Pradesh. Women beneficiaries are eligible under all schemes of the Ministry.

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for generating employment in the country, including the rural areas, by setting up of micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector including agro based food processing industries.

Under PMEGP, women beneficiaries are entitled to higher rate of subsidy and lower personal contribution. A total of 999 women entrepreneurs were assisted for setting up enterprises in Agro & food sector during 2021-22 in Uttar Pradesh under PMEGP.
