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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 36
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02/02/2024

**FACILITIES TO WOMEN FARMERS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SECTOR**

36. DR. KANIMOZHI NVN SOMU :

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

- (a) whether Government has started any scheme for providing facilities to the women farmers for development of agriculture sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the amount of funds allocated and utilized for the said purpose during the last five years and the current year; and
- (d) the number of women trained or imparted training in agriculture sector under various central schemes during the said period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) to (c): The Government is implementing various schemes and programmes for the farmers including women farmers as per the eligibility and conditions existing in the scheme guidelines in the States. The guidelines of the various beneficiary oriented schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) 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), Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) and Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER).

The Central Sector Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is being implemented by DA&FW with the aim of providing financial assistance to landholding farmer families including women farmers across the country, subject to certain exclusion criteria.

The Central Sector Scheme 'Namo Drone Didi' for providing drones to the Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) with an outlay of Rs. 1261 crores has been approved. The scheme aims to provide drones to 15000 selected Women SHGs for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose (application of fertilizers and pesticides).

The Department of Rural Development (DoRD), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) is implementing a scheme namely 'Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)', as a sub component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana — National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) since 2011 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. The program is implemented in project mode through State Rural Livelihoods Mission (SRLM) as Project Implementing Agencies. DAY-NRLM is a demand driven programme. The amount of funds allocated and utilized/released during the last five years and the current year for Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)-a sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) is at Annexure I.

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 (AICRP) in India. The Institute is also conducting trainings on women-friendly technologies/ drudgery reducing tools & equipments, income generation and nutritional security for women working in crop science, horticulture, livestock, fisheries, backyard poultry and occupational safety and health of farm women through institute projects as well as AICRP.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country with mandate of Technology Assessment and Demonstration for its Application and Capacity Building for the farmers. KVKs organize training programs for the benefit of farmers and farm women, rural youth and extension personnel and organize women specific activities on various topics.

(d): The number of women trained under the various Central Schemes in agriculture sector implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Ministry of Rural Development during the last five year and current year is more than 4 crore.

Annexure I

The amount of funds allocated and utilized/released during the last five years and the current year for Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)-a sub-scheme under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) :

(Rs.in Crore)		
Financial Year	Budget allocation	Fund Release
2018-19	65.69	65.69
2019-20	14.20	14.20
2020-21	11.79	11.79
2021-22	22.49	4.28
2022-23	10.74	8.74
2023-24	300.00	4.80
