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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1289
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06/12/2024

IMPLEMENTATION OF NAMO DRONE DIDI SCHEME

1289. MS. INDU BALA GOSWAMI:

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

- (a) the number of Drone Sakhi selected across the country so far, the details thereof, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) the budget allocated under the Namo Drone Didi Scheme for the Financial Year 2023-24; and
- (c) whether Government has set any target to train women under the Namo Drone Didi Scheme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The Government has approved 'Namo Drone Didi' as Central Sector Scheme for providing drones to the Women Self Help Groups (SHGs) with an outlay of Rs. 1261 Crores for the period from 2023-24 to 2025-26. The scheme aims to provide drones to 15000 selected Women SHGs for providing rental services to the farmers for spraying of liquid fertilizers & pesticides.

The scheme is implemented in entire country including the State of Himachal Pradesh. Lead Fertilizer Companies (LFCs) have procured the first 500 drones in 2023-24, using their internal resources and distributed to the selected SHGs, which include 04 drones supplied to SHGs of the State of Himachal Pradesh. During the financial year 2024-25, 3090 drones are to be provided to the selected SHGs in the first phase out of which 16 SHGs are from the State of Himachal Pradesh.

The drones are supplied as a package, which also includes mandatory drone pilot training and additional training for agriculture purpose for nutrient and pesticide application for one of the members of these women SHGs. Provisions are also made to train other member/ family member of the SHGs as drone assistant.
