

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2884
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20/12/2024

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/SUBSIDY TO PREVENT STUBBLE BURNING

2884. SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH:

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

- (a) the financial assistance or subsidy provided by Government to prevent stubble burning in the last five years;
- (b) the details thereof, State-wise including Punjab;
- (c) whether Government have any information about the cases of stubble burning, if so, the information about the cases of stubble burning in the last five years, State-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, (DA&FW) is implementing Crop Residue Management Scheme from 2018-19 to support efforts of the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh & NCT of Delhi to address air pollution caused due to paddy stubble burning and to subsidize machinery required for management of crop residue. Under this scheme, the funds are provided to the State Governments for providing financial assistance for the purchase of crop residue management machinery. The funds released to the State Governments under this scheme during last five years, State-wise and year-wise is given in below table:

State	Funds released under crop residue management scheme (Rs. in Crores)				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Punjab	273.80	272.50	331.94	278.83	105.00
Haryana	192.02	170.00	193.35	223.46	90.00
Uttar Pradesh	105.28	120.20	159.59	180.00	0.00
NCT of Delhi	4.52	0.00	0.00	1.53	0.00

(c) & (d): As per the reports released by the Consortium for Research on Agroecosystem Monitoring and Modeling from Space (CREAMS) Laboratory, Division of Agricultural Physics, ICAR – Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, the paddy straw burning events between 15th September to 30th November during the last five years in the States of Punjab, Haryana Uttar Pradesh and NCT of Delhi are indicated in below table:

State/Year	Incidences of Paddy Stubble Burning in the States (Numbers)				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Punjab	83002	71304	49922	36663	10909
Haryana	4202	6987	3661	2303	1406
Uttar Pradesh	4631	4242	3017	3996	6142
NCT of Delhi	9	4	10	5	13
Total	91844	82537	56610	42967	18470
