

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2122
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14th MARCH, 2023

UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES

2122. SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:
SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is utilizing the services of agricultural graduates under its various schemes and programs to support the farmers, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated/sanctioned by the Government for the said purpose in the States of Tamil Nadu and Odisha;
- (c) the details of remuneration and facilities that will be extended to agricultural graduates; and
- (d) the other steps being taken/taken by the Government to improve the livelihood of small and marginal farmers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) As a part of Under Graduate (UG) curricula students are mandatorily assigned with the task to interact with farmers and industries for mutual benefits of farmers and students for a period of 6 months under the program "Students Rural Entrepreneurship Awareness and Development Yojana (Students READY)" comprising of Rural Awareness Work Experience (RAWE), Internship and In-Plant Training.
- (b) The amount of funds allocated/sanctioned by the Government for the said purpose during 2021-22 is given below:
Tamil Nadu: Rs. 1.01 Crore.
Odisha: Rs. 1.02 Crore.
- (c) The stipend of Rs. 3,000/- (Rs. 2,500/- as ICAR/DARE Share + Rs 500/- as State Share) is paid to the students pursuing UG Degree in Agriculture and Allied Subjects per

student per month for a maximum duration of six months under Student READY. An amount of Rs. 500/- per student/per month is also provided by ICAR/DARE towards operational expenses (meeting faculty expenses, contingency, POL, medicines, etc.) during the programme.

(d): Government of India implements various Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes keeping in view of present and future requirements of the agriculture sector as well as interests of all farmers including small and marginal farmers. These schemes cover entire spectrum of agriculture including infrastructure, technology, mechanization, irrigation, fertilizers, seeds, skill development, income support to farmers, procurement of crops at minimum support prices, credit and crop insurance at subsidized rates, marketing, support for agri startups etc. through Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana, Minimum Support Price, Kisan Credit Card, Institutional Credit for Agriculture, Interest Subvention Scheme, Agriculture Infrastructure fund, Soil Health Card, Formation of FPOs, etc. for improving livelihood of small and marginal farmers.

ICAR-Institutes/KVKs regularly conducts trainings, demonstrations (varieties, production technologies, etc.), exposure visits on farmer-friendly technologies/ drudgery reducing tools & equipments, income generation and nutritional security including farmers working in crop science, horticulture, livestock, fisheries, backyard poultry and occupational safety and health of farm women.
