

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2561
ANSWERED ON 19/12/2023**

DRONES TO SELF HELP GROUPS

2561. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

SHRI D.K. SURESH:

SHRI ANIL FIROJIYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to provide fifteen thousand drones to women Self Help Groups (SHGs) for agriculture and related purposes and if so, the details thereof along with the details of objectives of the said initiative;**
- (b) the criteria adopted for selecting SHGs and the process involved therein;**
- (c) the total funds allocated for the implementation of the said project along with the timeline set for the same; and**
- (d) whether any scheme has been formulated for monitoring and analysis of agricultural information and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a) Yes Sir, the Government of India has recently launched Central Sector Scheme for providing drones to the Women Self Help Groups (WSHGs). The scheme aims to provide drones to 15,000 selected Women SHGs for providing rental services to farmers for agriculture purpose (application of fertilizers and pesticides).

(b) WSHG with "A" grade as per the DeendayalAntyodaya Yojana (DAY-NRLM) guidelines will be selected for providing drones. These Grade 'A' WSHGs will be selected by the States from the clusters of

villages growing the commercial crops like chillies, cotton, paddy, wheat, orchards, and plantations etc.

(c) A budget of ₹1,261 crores has been allocated for the project aiming to distribute one Drone to each of the 15,000 identified WSHGs over a three-year period from 2023-24 to 2025-26.

(d) No sir.
