

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:217
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2002
FARM MACHINERY TRAINING AND TESTING INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes functioning in the country, location-wise;
- (b) the role of such institutes;
- (c) the details of the farmers trained at each of these institutes during 2001- 2002;
- (d) the details of expenses incurred on these institutions during 2001-2002;
- (e) whether any feed-back has been obtained on the utility of such training for farmers; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.217 DUE FOR REPLY ON 29TH JULY, 2002.

(a): Four Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institutes (FMT&TIs) are functioning at Budni, Distt. Sehore (Madhya Pradesh), Hissar (Haryana), Garladinne, Distt. Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) and at Biswanath Chariali, Distt. Sonitpur (Assam).

(b): The role of the FMT&TIs is to

- (i) develop human resources in the selection, operation, maintenance, repairs and management of farm machinery; and
- (ii) testing and performance evaluation of farm machinery for ascertaining their performance characteristics and for quality upgradation.

(c): The details of farmers trained by the FMT&TIs during 2001-2002 are given below:-

Institute	No. of farmers trained
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Budni	934
Hissar	448
Garladinne	477
Biswanath Chariali	363

(d): During the year 2001-2002, the expenditure incurred was Rs.631 lakh.

(e)&(f): Yes, Sir. A study was conducted by the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, in 1987. The feed back on effectiveness of training is at Annexure-I. The Department have also entrusted another study to its Agro- Economic Research Centres in September.

2000. The Interim Reports have shown that there has been improvement in the skills as well as income of the trained personnel besides enabling them in better utilization of agricultural equipments.

ANNEXURE-I

MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS

Budni Hissar

	Trained personnel	Untrained personnel	Trained personnel	Untrained personnel
1 Average period on battery replacement (Years)	5	2.3	2.9	2.3
2 Average Period for tyre replacement (Years)	4	3.3	3.7	3
3 Average period for engine overhaul (Years)	5.3	4.4	5.3	4.1
4 Proportion of respondents reporting at least one major accident involving tractor and equipment (%)	2	10	0	0
5 Proportion of respondents				

- doing routine servicing
themselves(%) 15 7 9 0

- doing some repairs
themselves(%) 18 0 14 0