

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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MAHILA KISAN SASHAKTIKARAN PARIYOJANA
Shekhar Shri Neeraj

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana to meet the specific needs of women farmers is being launched as a sub-component of the National Rural Livelihood Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Following the Finance Ministers` Budget Speech, Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana is being designed as a sub-component of the proposed National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) with the aim to achieve socio-economic and technical empowerment of the rural women farmers, predominantly small and marginal farmers. The Planning Commission has allocated Rs.100 crore for taking up the Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana. The proposal for NRLM is yet to be approved by the Cabinet. The details of the Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana are being drawn up.