

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:223  
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2010  
SUPPORT TO STATE EXTENSION PROGRAMMES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the agriculture extension programmes play a pivotal role in the dissemination of farm knowledge amongst the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms scheme is under implementation in various States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of districts covered in each State;
- (e) the details of the allocation made under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (f) the number of farmers benefited during the said period, gender-wise and State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(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.223 DUE FOR REPLY ON 10-08-2010.

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Agriculture related extension activities for dissemination of information and knowledge amongst farmers include Trainings, Exposure Visits, Demonstrations, Kisan Melas, Kisan Goshties, Farmer Scientist Interactions (FSIs), Mobilization of Farmers Interest Groups (FIGs), Farm Schools and Use of Print & Electronic Media. Besides this, the infrastructure of Doordarshan and All India Radio is utilized to transmit programmes related to agriculture and allied sectors. In addition, information is disseminated through 25 Kisan Call Centres set up across the country which can be accessed by farmers from 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. on all days by dialing a toll-free telephone number 1800-180-1551.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): The details of the States/Union Territories where the Scheme `Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms` is operational are given in Annexure-I.

(e): State-wise and year-wise details of allocation made during the last three years and current financial year are given at Annexure-II.

(f): Over 112 lakh farmers have benefited under the scheme during last 3 years including about 27 lakh female farmers. State-wise, year-wise & gender-wise number of farmers who have benefited during the said period is given at Annexure-III.