

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE OF WOMEN FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is earmarking some outlay in the budget for women component plan for the welfare of women farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the outlay earmarked for the last three years under the plan; and
- (c) the manner in which it has been utilised for women farmers in the country, particularly in Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The details are placed at Annexure-I.

(c): The funds are being utilized for mobilizing women farmers into Self Help Groups and providing training, demonstration, exposure visits, inputs, subsidy and assistance to women farmers. Besides this, higher subsidy is also being provided to women farmers under the Central Sector Scheme 'Establishment of Agri- Clinic & Agri-Business', 'Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM)' 'Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Renovation of Rural Godowns', 'Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India'. In Karnataka the funds are being utilized under various schemes such as Plant Protection, Seed Distribution, Agriculture Processing Unit, Farm Mechanization, Micro Irrigation, Post Harvest Technology, Organic Farming, Cotton Mini Mission-II, Oil Seed Development Programme and Sugarcane Development Programme. National Cooperative Union of India is also running exclusive women's development project at Shimoga to develop thrift and income generating activities.