

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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MAHILA KISAN SASHAKTIKARAN PARIYOJANA

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) the current position in relation to the implementation of the Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana; and

(b) the steps proposed for the technological, credit skill and market empowerment of Mahila Kisans, including the widows of the farmers who had committed suicide in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN ADITYA)

(a): Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) was announced in the budget speech of 2010-11. In order to operationalise the Scheme, Guidelines were formulated and States were requested to send proposals under the Scheme. The Ministry of Rural Development has sanctioned 33 projects from six states, namely Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Bihar, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka during the year 2010-11. Proposals received from the States during the current year are being considered.

(b): The Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) have been asked to provide end to end services through linking up women farmers with the community based organizations providing access to a complete package of options from credit, insurance and inputs, to procurement, value addition and marketing of produce. They have also been asked to emphasize capacity building of women and skill upgradation through handholding, formal and vocational courses. PIAs are required to give priority to women headed households (single women), resource poor households and women groups engaged in Agriculture and allied activities (promotion, production, processing and marketing), while identifying the target group.