

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING TO SMALL FARMERS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether any action plan for the skill development and training of farmers including small and marginal farmers is under consideration of the Government with a view to improve their economic condition and boost the agricultural production;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any mechanism has been developed in every State to impart such trainings to farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Skill Development and Training of farmers (including small and marginal farmers) is as an important activity under existing ongoing programmes of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), Ministry of Agriculture.

(b): The details of schemes having skill development and training component for imparting training to the farmers (including small and marginal farmers) are given in Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): There exists an inbuilt mechanism in all the schemes /programmes under implementation, wherein the State Department of Agriculture and allied Sectors are involved in implementation of skill development and training of farmers – particularly small and marginal farmers. Brief details of such mechanism are included in Annexure-I.