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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NGOS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any financial assistance is provided to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working in the agriculture sector in Rajasthan during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of work done by these NGOs;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the work of the said NGOs; and
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): Normally, assistance to NGOs working in the field of Agriculture is not provided directly by the Government of India in any State including Rajasthan. The States provide such assistance under some schemes and programmes at their level. A part of the activities and works under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Extension Reforms Scheme has been executed through some NGOs working in Rajasthan. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) also is providing financial assistance to seven Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) being run in Rajasthan by NGOs.

(b): Details of funds given to NGOs working in agriculture sector in Rajasthan in the last three years are as under:

Year Financial Assistance Provided
(Rs. in lakh)

Extension Reforms RKVY

2009-10 163.45 506.63

2010-11 121.42 644.48

2011-12 202.66 950.67

Funds given to six KVKs run by ICAR in Rajasthan have been tabulated below:

S.No. Year Release (Rs. in lakh)

1 2009-10 302.01

2 2010-1 1676.45

3 2011-12 590.85

(c): Nature of activities undertaken by NGOs under Modified Extension Reforms Scheme of Agriculture Sector are as under:-

(i) Operationalization of Farm School.

(ii) Farmers Training.

(iii) Farmer Exposure Visits.

(iv) Formation of Farmers Interest Group (FIG) and their capacity building.

(v) Field Day/ Kisan Goshti.

(vi) Demonstrations.

(vii) District level exhibition and farmer fairs.

The work done by NGOs under RKVY includes:

(i) Community water harvesting structures/ lift irrigation /check dams /Anicuts/ drip irrigation/ construction of tube-well recharge structures.

(ii) Seed production programme.

(iii) Distribution of plant protection implements.

(iv) Training and extension activities for farmers on vegetable cultivation, water and soil management including soil testing, organic cultivation, weed management and pest control, diversified farming, crop insurance, storage and agricultural marketing.

(v) Kisan Mela, Fruit and vegetable Exhibitions, etc.

(d): Yes, Madam. Under RKVY, the Deputy Director (Agriculture) concerned monitors the work of NGOs in the District. Similarly, the Project Director (ATMA) concerned directly monitors the activities undertaken by NGOs under Extension Reforms Scheme. These works and activities are also reviewed by the respective District Level Committees headed by the District Collector. State level review also takes place. The officers of the Government of India also make field visits to some such works and activities during their tours to States.

(e): The outcomes include:

- (i) Enhanced capacity building of farmers, resulting in improved work efficiency and technical knowledge.
- (ii) Motivation of Farmers Interest Group (FIG) leading to agribusiness entrepreneurship.
- (iii) Development of Water Harvesting Structures and Lift Irrigation Schemes leading to additional area under irrigation, which, in turn, helps in increased productivity and farm income.
- (iv) Creation of awareness regarding Organic Farming, Integrated Nutrient Management, Integrated Pest Management, Diversified Farming etc.
- (v) Introduction of Hi-tech Horticultural/ Agricultural crops leading to increased farm income.