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FARM MECHANISATION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes and programmes under implementation for the promotion of farm mechanisation along with such mission proposed under the 12 Five Year Plan;
- (b) the details of funds allocated during the above Plan period, year-wise and Statewise;
- (c) whether the modern agricultural know-how technology as well as yield enhancing agricultural inputs are still beyond the reach of the farmers in remote/ rural areas of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to establish `Farm Machinery Banks` in different States to promote farm mechanisation amongst small and marginal farmers and to facilitate custom- hiring facilities for agricultural machinery by providing financial assistance to the farmers;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) Ministry of Agriculture is implementing various major schemes for promotion of farm mechanization as under:

Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA);

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY);

National Food Security Mission (NFSM); and

National Horticulture Mission (NHM);

Promotion and Strengthening of agricultural mechanization through training, testing and demonstrations.

Apart from these, Government is considering a Sub-Mission on agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) for promoting farm mechanization During 12th Five Year plan.

(b) The allocation of the fund for SMAM is being finalized year-wise.

(c) & (d) No, Madam. The Ministry of Agriculture have various extension services for disseminating the know-how of modern agricultural technologies throughout the country which also includes remote/rural areas by following ways:

Through establishment of Agriculture Technology Management Agencies (ATMA) for introduction of new technologies to the farmers.

Through Kisan Call Centres (KCC) for providing the information on modern technologies to the farming community through toll free, country wide common number 1800-180-1551 in local languages.

Kisan Vigan Kendras (KVK) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) are established with the aims at assessment, refinement and dissemination of modern technology to the farmers

Various agricultural technologies are being disseminated through a network of Doordarshan National Channel, 18 Regional Kendras and 180 Narrowcasting centres apart from 96 FM Radio Stations under "Mass media Support to Agricultural Extension" scheme.

(e) & (f) To promote farm mechanization amongst small and marginal farmer and to facilitate custom hiring facility, Government is

considering to provide assistance on procurement of agricultural machinery to establish custom hiring centres, to individual Entrepreneurs, Self Help Group (SHG)/ User Groups (UG) of farmers, Cooperative Societies etc. In this regard, the Government is considering to launch a Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)