

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL TRAINING TO WOMEN  
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**Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the Government proposes to set up any national centre to impart agricultural training to women in the country including Maharashtra;
- (b): if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c): if not, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) & (b): There is no such proposal.

(c): This Ministry is administering one scheme named Support to Training and Employment Programmer for Women (STEP), under which training for skill upgradation is provided to the marginalized and assetless women in certain identified sectors including Agriculture. Under this scheme, each implementing agencies arranges training of the beneficiaries through the trainers and resource persons who have specialization in the concerned sectors. Besides, NIPCCD, ICAR institutes etc. are also associated for training of the beneficiaries.

Since the training is provided to the beneficiaries with the existing infrastructure already available, therefore, presently no proposal for set up of such centre is under consideration in this Ministry.