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SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING TO FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes/ programmes being run by the Government for skill development and training of farmers in agriculture and allied sectors;
- (b) the number of farmers who have been trained through these schemes/ programmes and the extent to which they have been benefited;
- (c) whether the Government has earmarked any funds for this purpose under various schemes;
- (d) if so, the details of the funds earmarked and expenditure incurred for this purpose during each of the last three years and current year, State/UT-wise including Rajasthan; and
- (e) the details of the success achieved under these schemes/programmes and the efforts made by the Government to ensure that the innovative research reach to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (d): A number of ongoing schemes and programmes of the Government have an inbuilt component of capacity building and training of farmers in the field of agriculture and allied sectors. An illustrative list of such schemes is enclosed as Annexure-I. However, there is no specific scheme or programme only on skill development of farmers. While some schemes have earmarked allocation of funds for training, others are demand driven as per plans drawn up by the States and implementing Agencies. Information regarding allocation and expenditure of funds and physical achievements has been depicted in Annexure-II.

(e): Farmers gained latest technologies through training and hands-on experience, resulting in reduced farm drudgery.

Farm trials, Frontline Demonstrations, Regular Training, Kisan Gosthis, Exhibition, Exposure Visits, Group Discussions and Field Visits were organized to ensure immediate dissemination of research and technologies to the farmers.