

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GENDER FRIENDLY AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENTS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any programmes to manufacture gender- friendly agricultural equipments in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated for research and technological innovation in the field of gender-friendly equipments, so far;
- (d) whether the Government has taken steps to promote the use of these equipments; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Government has not implemented any programmes to manufacture gender-friendly agricultural equipments in the country. Agricultural machines and implements including gender friendly agricultural equipments are manufactured in the private sector. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) provides funds for research and technological innovations in the field of gender friendly equipments and from 2011-12 to 2014-15, Rs.1026.71 lakhs have been provided to All India Coordinated Research Project on Ergonomics & Safety in Agriculture for this purpose.

The use of gender friendly equipments is promoted through training, demonstration and financial assistance under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization. Women beneficiaries are provided 10% additional financial assistance for purchase of various agricultural machines and equipments. State Governments have also been directed to ensure flow of benefits to women farmers by way of earmarking at least 30% of allocation of this Sub-Mission.