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

- (a) whether any financial assistance in the agriculture sector has been provided to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, Statewise and NGO-wise;
- (c) the details of the work done by these NGOs;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to review/ has reviewed the working of such NGOs; and
- (e) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Normally, assistance to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Self Help Groups (SHGs) working in the field of Agriculture is not provided directly by the Government of India. The States are free to provide such assistance under some schemes and programmes.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has sanctioned 99 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under the administrative control of NGOs in the country including 26 KVKs in Maharashtra. Funds are provided to these NGOs for implementing the KVK activities. Besides this, financial assistance is also provided by ICAR to NGOs under All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRP) on Renewable Energy Sources, and National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) Project.

Funds are provided by Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) to NGOs for promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations.

The details of funds provided to NGOs by above mentioned organizations during last three years and the current year are given in Annexure-I.

(c): The work done by these NGOs consists of various activities including the ones given in Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): Review of the work done by these NGOs include the following:

(i) The work done by the KVKs (including KVKs run by NGOs) is reviewed on a regular basis by holding Scientific Advisory Committees, Review Workshops, Field Visits etc.

(ii) The activities of the research project are reviewed by Quinquennial Review Teams (QRTs) and also by holding review workshops of the project centers.