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AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) to promote resource efficient agricultural technologies and to augment agricultural extension services across the country;
- (b) if so, the details and salient features of the Mission and the guidelines for the use of agricultural technologies thereunder;
- (c) whether the Government provides incentives/credit facilities/subsidy for the optimum use of improved and modern agricultural technologies and inputs to increase production and cut production cost;
- (d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and
- (e) the benefits accrued/likely to accrue to the farmers therefrom?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) has been made operational from 2014-15 with the objective of making agriculture more productive, sustainable, remunerative and climate resilient by promoting location specific integrated /composite farming systems; soil and moisture conservation measures; comprehensive soil health management; efficient water management practices and mainstreaming rainfed technologies.

(c) to (e): The scheme envisages assistance to the farmers for promotion of integrated farming system, protected cultivation, conservation agriculture, organic farming, reclamation of problem soils, on farm water management, soil testing , integrated nutrient management, training and capacity building on agriculture technologies etc. and the state wise details of funds released under different components is given at Annexure-I. Besides, National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET) is also under implementation from 2014-15 to promote efficient agriculture technologies and extension services across the Country. Assistance to the farmers is made available for agriculture machinery & equipments, custom hiring centers, post harvest technologies etc. under the Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM) of NMAE&T, resulting into increased production and productivity of agriculture crops. The state wise details of funds released to the States is given at Annexure-II.