## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1708 ANSWERED ON:22.07.2014 FARM MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT Paswan Shri Chhedi

## Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of farm equipment, implements and tools developed in the recent past to reduce the manual labour of the farmers and the details of Central Institutions involved in developing the above equipments;
- (b) the programmes/workshop organised/being organised to encourage farmers for using farm machinery and equipment for agricultural activities and the agencies involved for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government advances loans at low interests to purchase these equipments, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide incentives to agricultural scientists to develop farm machinery and equipment for the farmers at affordable cost?

## **Answer**

## MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a) The farm equipments, implements, machines and tools developed/modified by Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering (CIAE) and the All India Coordinated Research Projects on Farm Implements & Machinery, Utilization of Animal Energy, Renewable Energy Sources, and Ergonomics & Safety in Agriculture during XI Plan (2007-12) are given in Annexure-I.
- (b) The programmes/workshops organized by CIAE, Bhopal during 2007-08 to 2013-14 to encourage farmers and other stakeholders for promoting use of farm machinery and equipment for agricultural activities are given in Annexure-II.
- (c) The Government does not advance any loans to the farmers with low interest for purchasing agricultural equipment and machines. However, subsidy is available to the farmers for purchase of agricultural machines and equipments under various schemes of the Government.
- (d) ICAR has instituted NASHCAR award to incentivize the scientists who develop excellent farm implements and machines.