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

- (a) whether any financial assistance has been provided to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) working in agricultural sector in the country including Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details of assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and NGO-wise;
- (c) the details of the work done by the NGOs in the agriculture sector; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to review the working of NGOs and if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Normally, assistance to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) 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.

However, under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), assistance is provided to National Horticultural Research & Development Foundation (NHRDF). Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has sanctioned 99 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under the administrative control of NGOs in the country including 5 KVKs in Jharkhand. The funds are provided to these NGOs for implementing the KVK activities. Besides this, funds are also provided by ICAR to NGOs under All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRP) on Renewable Energy Sources, and sunflower, safflower, sorghum, forage crops & wheat 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 the above organizations are during last three years and the current year are given in Annexure-I.

(c): The details of work by these NGOs is given at Annexure-II.

(d): The details of review of the work done by these NGOs include the following:

(i) Funds released under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) Scheme to the National Horticulture Research & Development Foundation (NHRDF) is audited annually as per the extant Financial Rules. Joint Inspection Teams comprising officers from NHM, State Horticulture Mission and other authorities undertake field visits periodically to verify the status of work as per the approved action plan.

(ii) 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.

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