

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1856
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WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the States for encouraging women farmers in the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action being taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The proposals to encourage women farmers in agriculture sector which are appraised and recommended by the State Governments are received by the Government of India under its Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) – a sub component of National rural Livelihood Mission. Funding support to the tune of 75% (90% for North Eastern States) for such projects is provided by the Government of India with balance amount contributed by respective State Governments or any donor agencies in the form of grants to the Project Implementing Agencies.

(c): The Ministry of Rural Development has so far sanctioned 58 projects from 14 States under agriculture stream of Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) with a total Central Government funding of Rs.479.06 crore benefitting 24.5 lakh mahila kisans during the project period.