

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to make budgetary provision for women farmers to meet their specific needs and to achieve socio-economic and technical empowerment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the schemes extended to them in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam.

The guidelines of various schemes including Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms, National Food Security Mission, National Mission on Oil Seeds and Oil Palm and National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture, Sub-Mission for Seed & Planting Material, Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) stipulate that States and other Implementing Agencies are required to incur at least 30% expenditure on Women Farmers. "Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP)", which is a sub-component of National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), has special budgetary provisions to meet the specific need of women farmers and help them achieve socio economic and technical empowerment. Funding support to the tune of up to 75% (90% for North Eastern States) for such projects is provided by the Government of India