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IMPLEMENTATION OF ATMA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Scheme is under implementation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the main objectives of the Scheme;
- (c) whether the objectives of launching ATMA has not been achieved in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Scheme is under implementation in 640 districts of 29 States & 3 UTs of the country.

Main objectives of the Scheme are to promote decentralized farmer-driven and farmer-accountable extension system through an institutional arrangement for technology dissemination in the form of an Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), encourage multi-agency and broad-based extension strategies, adopt group approach to extension and facilitate convergence of programmes in planning, execution & implementation at district level.

Under the scheme grants-in-aid is released to the States/UTs with an objective to support State Governments efforts in revitalizing the extension system and making available the latest agricultural technologies in different thematic areas to increase production in agriculture & allied sectors through a Cafeteria of Activities which include Farmers Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Mela, Mobilization of Farmers Groups, Setting up of Farm School, Innovative Technology Dissemination, Research-Extension Linkages etc.

(c): No, Madam.

(d) & (e): In view of answer to part (b) above, no details need to be given.