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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1337
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH JULY 2021

CUSTOM HIRING CENTRES FOR SMALL FARMERS

1337. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Custom Hiring Centres are proving very beneficial to the small farmers for agricultural activities;
- (b) if so, the details of the efforts being made by the Government to provide the benefits of Custom Hiring Centres to the maximum farmers; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) with one of the major objectives of promoting Custom Hiring Centres, Farm Machinery Banks and hubs for hi-tech & high value farm machines, in order to make machines and equipments available to farmers on rental basis. Since inception of the SMAM in 2014-15, more than 15400 Custom Hiring Centres, 360 Hi-tech hubs and 14200 Farm Machinery Banks have been established in different States. The Department has also launched a multi-lingual 'FARMS' (Farm Machinery Solutions) mobile app, which facilitates hiring and renting of farm machinery through a fair and transparent rental process. All these initiatives are helping in making machinery accessible to small and marginal farmers.
