

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION & FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 155**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2019

**ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN FARMERS**

\*155. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has started any schemes to provide facilities to the women farmers for the development of the agriculture sector in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the amount of funds allocated and utilized for the said purpose during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the number of women farmers who have been trained in agriculture related fields under various Central schemes during the above period;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the share of women in the production of main crops in the country is 75 per cent;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in doubling the wages of the women working in the agriculture sector or providing assistance for doubling the income of the women working as self employed farmers; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to release more funds for development of women farmers so that they could meet their specific needs and achieve socio-economic and technical empowerment?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 155 DUE FOR REPLY ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2019.**

(a): Yes, Sir. In line with the provisions of National Policy for Farmers (NPF) (2007), the Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development is implementing a programme exclusively for women farmers namely, Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP), which is a sub-component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM). The primary objective of MKSP is to empower women and to enhance their participation and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for them in agriculture. The State/UT wise fund allocation and release under MKSP during the last three years and the current year are given at **Annexure-I**. The Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is also promoting mainstreaming of Gender Concerns in agriculture by ensuring flow of funds and benefits to the tune of 30% for women farmers under its beneficiary oriented Schemes and Programmes.

(b): Over 1.39 crore women have been trained in agriculture related fields under various Central Schemes in last 3 years and the current year. The number of women farmers trained under different Schemes during the last 3 years and the current year are given at **Annexure-II**.

(c): There is no census data available highlighting share of women in the production of main crops in the country. However, as per Census, 2011 conducted by the Registrar General of India, Ministry of Home affairs, the extent of women participation in agriculture as cultivators (main and marginal) is to the tune of 3.60 crore (30.33 %) and as female agricultural labourer (main and marginal), it is to the tune of 6.15 crore (42.67%).

(d): Under the provisions of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, both the State and Central Governments are the appropriate Governments to fix, review, revise and implement the minimum wages under their respective jurisdictions. The wages fixed by the appropriate Governments are equally payable to both male and female workers and the Act does not discriminate on the basis of gender. With a strategy to focus on farmers' welfare, the Government have made various interventions on the recommendation of DFI Committee, the benefits of which flow to farmers including women farmers.

(e): Government is providing additional support and assistance to women farmers, over and above the male farmers under various Schemes, the details of which are given at **Annexure-III**.

**Annexure -I****The State/UT wise fund allocation and release under Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana (MKSP) of MoRD****(Rs.Crore)**

Details of MKSP allocation and released based on State utilisation ( Rs. Crore)					
Sl. No.	State	Release 2016-17	Release 2017-18	Release 2018-19	Release 2019-20
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.00	0.00	9.73	No releases effected in the current year
2	Assam	2.77	1.50	0.00	
3	Bihar	25.94	0.00	2.68	
4	Chhattisgarh	4.70	9.39	0.00	
5	Gujarat	0.23		0.00	
6	Himachal Pradesh	0.00	0.30	0.19	
7	Haryana	0.00	0.00	1.89	
8	Jammu and Kashmir	0.00	2.14	0.00	
9	Jharkhand	20.50	13.81	2.53	
10	Karnataka	0.96	0.00	0.00	
11	Kerala	17.52	0.00	7.44	
12	Maharashtra	10.57	20.09	0.00	
13	Madhya Pradesh	0.83	0.00	0.00	
14	Meghalaya	0.00	0.65	0.00	
15	Mizoram	0.81	1.62	0.00	
16	Odisha	6.36	0.89	0.82	
17	Union Territory of Puducherry	0.0	0.58	0.00	
18	Rajasthan	7.61	6.24	6.45	
19	Telangana	0.00	0.00	0.00	
20	Tamil Nadu	0.00	6.05	0.00	
21	Uttar Pradesh	9.50	0.00	20.60	
22	West Bengal	0.00	0.49	0.92	
23	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	2.35	
24	Mutli State project	0.00	0.00	5.87	
25	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.00	4.13	
		<b>108.31</b>	<b>63.76</b>	<b>65.60</b>	

**Note: MKSP is a demand driven programme. There is no provision of state wise allocation for every year.**

**Details of farm women benefitted through various trainings in the last 3 years and current year**

(Nos. in lakh)

Sl. No	Ministry/Department	Scheme/Programme	Years			
			2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
<b>1.</b>	<b>Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Farmers Welfare</b>					
A.	Department of Agriculture Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW)	Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms (ATMA)	8.44	12.49	11.37	0.24
		Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE) (Skill Training)	0.006	0.003	0.02	--
		Sub-Mission on Plant Protection (SMPP)	0.03	0.031	0.032	0.005
		National Council for Cooperative Training (NCCT)	0.10	0.17	0.15	0.02
		National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI)	0.48	0.46	0.43	--
		Sub Mission on Mechanization(SMAM)	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.005
B.		Department of Agriculture Research & Education/ICAR	Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)	1.07	1.09	1.17
<b>2.</b>	<b>Ministry of Rural Development</b>					
	Department of Rural Development	Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojna	30.65	34.06	35.97	0.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>40.806</b>	<b>48.334</b>	<b>49.172</b>	<b>0.84</b>

**Schemes which provide additional assistance to Women (over and above male farmers)**

- **Higher Rates of Assistance for Women under Agri-Clinic & Agri- Business Centre (ACABC) Scheme:** Agri-Clinic & Agri-Business Centre initiative of Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension provides for credit linked back-ended subsidy on the bank loan availed by trained candidates under the Scheme. The subsidy is 44% in respect of women, SC/ST and all categories of candidates from North-Eastern and Hill States and 36% in respect of other categories.
- **Support for Women under Integrated Scheme of Agriculture Marketing:** The Support for women is available to the extent of 33.33% for women against 25% assistance available for male farmers for storage infrastructure projects and other infrastructure projects.
- **Additional Financial Assistance under Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM):** 10% additional assistance is available for women under SMAM for Procurement of Agriculture Machinery/Equipment including Post Harvest equipment
- **Support for Women under National Food Security Mission (NFSM):** 10% additional assistance is available for women under Plant Protection equipments including eco- friendly light trap and seed treatment drum as well as supply of improved farm implements.

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