

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4393
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH MARCH, 2023
OVERCOMING AGRICULTURE CHALLENGES

4393. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRIMATI GEETA KORA:

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

- (a) the names of the schemes on which the Government is working to overcome the challenges like cultivation of costlier crops, crops diversification and elimination of middlemen in produce sales;
- (b) the current number of Agri Start-ups in the country and the number of Agri Start-ups likely to be set up in the next three years along with the data related to States of Jharkhand, Gujarat and Bihar; and
- (c) the works being done by the Government to attract more youths towards the agriculture sector?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) Government is implementing a number of schemes for the well-being of the farmers, including small farmers. These include, inter alia, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), Soil Health Card (SHC), National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana (PMKMY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Rainfed Area Development (RAD) Programme under National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA),

Scheme for promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), National Bee Keeping Honey Mission (NBHM), Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) etc.

(b) The Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing "Innovation and Agri-Entrepreneurship Development" programme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) from 2018-19 with an objective to promote innovation and agri-entrepreneurship by providing financial support and nurturing an incubation ecosystem in the country. Five Knowledge Partners (KPs) and twenty-four RKVY-Agribusiness Incubators (R-ABIs) have been appointed by this Department for incubation of startups and implementation of this programme across the country during 2018-19.

Under the programme, a selected startup for idea/pre-seed category is provided a maximum financial support of Rs. Five lakh. Similarly, a selected startup for seed stage category is provided maximum financial assistance of Rs. Twenty-five lakh. The selected startups are trained and incubated and provided technical support at various incubation centers established under the programme across the country. The funds are released to these 29 appointed incubation centres for setting up and promotion of agri-startups. So far, a total of 1138 agri startups have been supported under the programme with financial assistance of Rs. 70.30 crores.

(c) Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) implements the following schemes/programmes to attract youth towards agriculture and other related industries and for the development of entrepreneurship:

- i. Technology Assessment and Demonstration for its Application and Capacity Development through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs).
- ii. Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA)
