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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 877**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023

**PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE**

877. SHRIMATI SHARDABEN ANILBHAI PATEL:  
SHRI MITESH RAMESHBHAI PATEL (BAKABHAI):

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

- a) the efforts being taken by the Government to encourage the women participation in the agriculture sector for planting and harvesting the crops;
- b) the ways by which the special benefits of agricultural education are being extended to women in Gujarat so that they can be trained for sowing and harvesting of crops; and
- c) the details of the efforts made by the Government to ensure that no man or woman leave the agriculture profession?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

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(a) & (b): The Government is implementing various schemes and programmes for the farmers including women farmers as per eligibility and conditions existing in scheme guidelines.

The guidelines of the various beneficiary oriented schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare provide that States and other implementing agencies should incur expenditure on women farmers. These schemes include Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oilseed & Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Sub-Mission for Seed and Planting Material (SMSP), Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

The Central Sector Scheme Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is being implemented by DA&FW with the aim of providing financial assistance to landholding farmer families including women farmers across the country, subject to certain exclusion criteria.

Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana, a sub-component of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission with the aim to empower women by making systematic investments to enhance their participation and productivity, as also to create sustainable livelihoods of rural women. It is a demand driven programme implemented in project mode through the State Rural Livelihoods Mission as Project Implementing Agencies.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country including Gujarat mandated with Technology Assessment and Demonstration for its Application and Capacity Development. KVKs organize training programs for the benefit of farmers and farm women, rural youth and extension personnel and organize women specific activities on various topics. In order to familiarize women with the latest techniques in agriculture and allied sectors, trainings are also being imparted to women under schemes of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

(c): With a view to make agriculture attractive and more remunerative, Government is implementing a number of schemes which include, inter alia, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY); Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme; National Agriculture Market Scheme (e-NAM); Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY); Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan-Dhan Yojana scheme (PMKMY); National Food Security Mission (NFSM); Kisan Credit Card (KCC); Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY); Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) and Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centers (AC&ABC) component of Sub Mission of Agriculture Extension (SMAE) support gainful self employment opportunities to rural youth. Government is also promoting integrated farming with focus on horticulture, floriculture, bee-keeping, fisheries, agro-forestry, etc. to diversify the income base of agricultural households.

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