

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATION TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to educate the farmers to use modern agricultural implements to increase production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government have set-up four Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institutes at Budni (MP), Hissar (Haryana), Garladinne (AP) and Biswanath Chariali (Assam) to impart on- the job training to farmers as well as other beneficiaries on different aspects of agricultural mechanization besides undertaking testing of agricultural equipments for up-grading their quality. The training programmes for the benefit of farmers are on selection, operation, maintenance and management aspects of agricultural prime movers, implements and machines.

The Government is also providing financial assistance of Rs.2500/- per farmer per month to the State Governments based on their proposals for outsourcing of training of farmers through the institutions identified by the States.

The Directorate of Extension of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is also educating farmers through Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Mass Media Support, Kisan Call Centres, Agri-clinics and Agri-Business Centres and Agricultural fairs at Block, District, State and National levels.

Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal regularly conducts training programmes for the farmers through its Krishi Vigyan Kendras on use of modern agricultural implements and machinery.

Under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), the All India Coordinated Research Project on Farm Implements and Machinery through 23 centres spread all over the country conducts frontline demonstrations of improved equipment for facilitating the farmers to learn about the new equipment and their use.

Besides institutional on the job training and on-site training, the farmers are also educated by way of field demonstration of new technology equipment/implements at their fields through States/UTs and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Government of India is providing 100% grant-in-aid for procurement of such equipment and contingency expenditure for conducting field demonstrations.

(c): In view of (a) & (b), question does not arise.