

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUPPORT TO STATE EXTENSION PROGRAMME FOR EXTENSION REFORMS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms has been introduced in 2005;
- (b) if so, the details and objectives thereof;
- (c) the details of the financial assistance provided to each State including Maharashtra since its inception; and
- (d) the number of Agriculture Technology Management Agencies established since its inception in each State including Maharashtra?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Government of India had launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms` in May, 2005 based on Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) model for promoting farmer friendly extension system.

(c): The funds under the scheme are released to the States on the basis of approved State Extension Work Plan (SEWP), Performance Report and submission of Utilization Certificate (U.C.), etc. The state wise details of financial assistance provided since inception is at Annex-I.

(d): The number of Agricultural Technology Management Agencies established since its inception in each State including Maharashtra is given at Annex-II.