

**SPEED POST  
RTI MATTER**

F.No.29-55/2018-Estt./RTI/222-26  
Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare  
Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare  
Directorate of Extension

Krishi Vistar Bhavan  
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New Delhi -110 012  
Dated the 28 September, 2018

To,

✓ Sh. Kareem Ansari  
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(Telangana)

Sub: Supply of information under the Right to Information Act, 2005 - Application from Sh.Kareem Ansari, Telangana seeking information on "Schemes" under RTI Act, 2005. (DOA&C/R/2018/00893 dated 25.07.2018)

Sir,

I am to refer to your RTI application dated 25.07.2018 received in this office on 02.08.2018 seeking information on the subject cited above under the RTI Act, 2005. So far as the Directorate of Extension, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Government of India is concerned, the requisite information is as under :

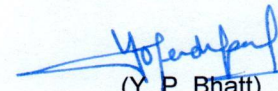
| S. N | Information asked under RTI Act 2005  | Reply  |
|------|---|--|
| 1.   | Provide the State-wise list of Farmers suicide cases reported to Ministry since 2012 to till date.  | Does not pertain to DOE.   |
| 2.   | What Initiative have taken by ministry to improve agriculture sector since 2014 to till date  | To make improvement in agriculture sector or benefit for farmers, this Directorate run some schemes, the brief details are enclosed. The details of these schemes are also available in DOE website <a href="http://www.krishivistar.gov.in">www.krishivistar.gov.in</a> . |
| 3.   | Provide details of program announce for farmers from Union government to benefit in seasonal agriculture                                    | Does not pertain to DOE.   |
| 4.   | How much loans has waiver off for farmers since 2014 to till date. Provide the list state wise and component wise                           | - do -   |
| 5.   | Provide the list of policies made for agriculture labour from your ministry   | - do -   |
| 6.   | According to database available in your ministry, Number of agriculture labour present in India, provide list updated information statewise | - do -   |

2. It is to mention that the First Appeal, if any, against the reply of CPIO may be made to the First Appellate Authority within 30 days of receipt of this reply. The particulars of the First Appellate Authority are as follows:-

Dr. Prashant Armorikar, Director (ET),  
Directorate of Extension  
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Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:

1. Sh. M.L. Atal, Under Secretary (Extension) & CPIO, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, New Delhi-110 001 for information.
2. Smt. Rita Gadhook, Section Officer (RTI), Deptt. of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
3. Sr. Technical Director (NIC), Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Room No.349, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi with the request to upload the RTI reply.
4. Sh. Santosh, Asstt. Programmer, with the request to upload the RTI reply on DOE website.



## EXTENSION DIVISION

A multi-tiered extension strategy with a blend of following extension and outreach initiatives is being followed under the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE) under Green Revolution – Krishonnati Yojna, so as to empower farmers with the latest knowledge and information in agriculture and allied sectors.

**(i) Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms:-** ATMA Scheme has been extended to cover 676 rural districts of 29 States & 3 UTs across the country. This Scheme has been revised to include manpower support; roping in the farmers' feed back in to planning by setting up Farmer Advisory Committees (FACs) at Block/ District & State Level and providing farmer-to-farmer learning and extension support through Farmer Friend. The Modified Scheme has dedicated Specialists & Functionary Support at State (2 at State Nodal Cell and 7 to 15 at SAMETI level based on the number of blocks in the State/UT), District (5 per district) & Block level (4 per Block). Various activities supported under the Scheme for educating and creating awareness amongst farmers include farmers trainings, exposure visits, demonstration, Kisan Mela mobilization of farmers Interest Groups (FIGs) and farm schools etc. Since inception of the scheme in 2005, **4.44 crore** farmers' have been benefited through various farmer oriented activities.

**(ii) Mass Media Support to Agricultural Extension:-** The primary objective of the Scheme is to use Electronic Media, Print Media & Social Media with their massive penetration as a vehicle that could be exploited for the purpose of extension.

Under this scheme existing infrastructure of Doordarshan and All India Radio is being utilized to make the farmers aware about modern technologies and researches related to agriculture and allied areas. A 30 minute programme named Krishi Darshan is being telecast 5 days a week through 18 Regional Kendras of Doordarshan. Similarly, 96 Rural FM Radio Stations of All India Radio are being utilized to broadcast 30 minutes of programme named KisanVani for farmers 6 days a week. Besides, DD – Kisan 24x7 Channel also disseminates the information and production technologies on Agriculture.

During the telecast of Krishi Darshan programme a capsule programme called MandiBhav and Agri-News are being produced in-house and telecast the same for the benefit of the farmers. The existing prices for different agri-products in the local Mandis linked with the network are being telecast for the local farmers for their maximum benefit.

**Focused Publicity & Awareness Campaign:** Apart from KrishiDarshan and KisanVani Programmes, the 'Focused Publicity & Awareness Campaign' is also executed to create awareness about the assistance available under various schemes of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare and also to create awareness on best agricultural practices available. Audio-Video Spots are being broadcast/telecast through DD, AIR and Private TV Radio Channels operating at National & Regional Level during news, entertainment programmes, serials etc for the benefit of the farmers. In addition to that print advertisements on best agricultural practices available under different schemes of DAC&FW as well as Govt's



flagship programmes are being published in leading newspaper across the country to create awareness among the farmers. Social Media platforms such as facebook, twitter, youtube etc. are also being utilized for creating awareness about various flagship programmes of the Ministry.

(iii) **Agri-Clinic and Agri-Business Centres**:-The Scheme was launched in 2002 and provides extension services to farmers through setting up of economically viable self – employment ventures. Selected trainees are provided agri-preneurship training for a period of two months by MANAGE through identified Nodal Training Institutions in various states, which also provide handholding support for one year. NABARD monitors the credit support to Agri-Clinics through Commercial Banks. Provision of credit-linked back-ended subsidy @ 36% has been approved under the scheme. The subsidy would be 44% in respect of candidates belonging to SC, ST, women and those from North-Eastern and Hill States.

The scheme provides efficacious and cost effective mode of extension services. Since inception of the scheme in 2002, **59211** unemployed candidates with agriculture qualification have been trained and **25760** agri-ventures have been set up by the trained candidates upto March, 2018. Subsidy has been extended to **1998** established agri-ventures as on April, 2018.

(iv) **Kisan Call Centres**:- Agriculture and allied sector related information is provided to the farmers through Kisan Call Centres (KCCs) having toll free telephone line 1800-180-1551 accessible through all mobile phones and landlines of all telecom networks including private service providers. Replies to the farmers' queries are given in 22 local languages between 6.00 am to 10.00 pm on all seven days of the week. The KCCs set up at 14 locations have been restructured in 2012 to make it more effective. Since inception of the scheme, in the year 2004 over **367.77** lakh live calls have been registered at the KCC till April, 2018.

(v) **Information dissemination through Agri Fairs**:- Agriculture exhibition is an excellent mechanism for showcasing latest technological advancements and dissemination of information to the farming community and also for promoting business opportunities in agriculture and allied sectors. The Extension Division is participating / supporting the exhibition/ fairs / seminars / conference etc. at the different level in the country. promoting/ organizing agriculture fairs at different levels. At the national level, the Division participates in India International Trade Fair organized annually by India Trade Promotion Organization. The Division also supports five Regional Agricultural fairs – one in each Region every year. The agriculture fair at Block, District and State levels are also being supported by the Division under the Extension Reforms (ATMA) Scheme and decision in this regard is taken up by the concerned State Government.

(vi) **Capacity building components under "Extension Support to Central Institutes/DOE"**:- Ministry of Agriculture has established four Extension Education Institutes on regional basis at Nilokheri (Haryana); Hyderabad (Telangana); Anand (Gujarat) and Jorhat (Assam) to cater to the training needs of middle-level field extension functionaries working under agriculture and allied departments of States/UTs of respective regions. The programmatic



activities of EEs include organization of on-campus/off-campus trainings, workshops, conferences etc. in the areas of communication technology, extension methodology, training management, Agriculture Knowledge Information System (AKIS) and Information and Communication Technology. The primary objective of establishing four Extension Education Institutes is to train professional leaders with expertise in the field of extension education and communication technology.

(vii) **Model Training Courses(MTCs)**:- The Directorate of Extension (DOE), DAC&FW sponsors Model Training Courses (MTCs) of 8 days duration to be organized by reputed National/ Central Institutes, ICAR Institutes and State Agricultural Universities(SAUs) in specialized areas for capacity building of middle-level extension functionaries of agriculture & allied departments of States/ UTs. 55 training programmes have been organized during 2017-18 (upto December, 2017).

(viii) **Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY)**:- The component launched in 2015 aims at training rural youths/farm women, rural artisans (blacksmiths, carpenter etc. designing/manufacturing farm implements) across the country. The training under this component is of 7 days duration for 15 trainees per batch focusing on specific vocational areas in agriculture & allied sectors. Both public and private/ Non-Governmental Institutions including Vocational Training organizations, Youth Organizations (like Nehru Yuva Kendra) will be actively involved in implementation of this programme. During 2016-17, 206 training programmes were organized and there is a target to conduct 225 training programme to impart skill training to rural youth during 2017-18.

(ix) **Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI)**:- DAESI is of one year (48 weeks) regular course launched in 2003 with an objective to impart education in agriculture and other allied areas to the Input Dealers so that they can establish linkage to their business with extension services, besides discharging regulatory responsibilities assigned to them.

This programme was earlier implemented through MANAGE @ Rs. 20,000/- per candidate in self-financing mode in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Jharkhand & West Bengal. Now SAMETIs are also involved in conducting training programmes and so far **7946 candidates** have been trained under **208 DAESI batches** organized till December, 2017.

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मि.सं.10(1)/2018-विस्तार प्रबंधन (Part-IV)

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विषय:- सूचना के अधिकार अधिनियम 2005 के अंतर्गत श्री करीम अंसारी, हैदराबाद, के द्वारा मांगी गयी सूचना "योजना" की आपूर्ति के संबंध में।

उपर्युक्त विषय पर पत्र सं. 29-55/2018-स्थापना/आरटीआइ दिनांक 03.08.2018 के संबंध में विस्तार प्रबंधन अनुभाग की तरफ से एसीएबीसी योजना के अंतर्गत क्रम सं 1,3,4,5 व 6 के संबंध में भेजी जाने वाली आवश्यक जानकारी शून्य समझी जाये।

केवल क्रम सं. 2 के संबंध में एसीएबीसी योजना के अंतर्गत भेजी जाने वाली आवश्यक जानकारी संलग्न है।

साजित कुमार कुत्रल  
09/08/2018

साजित कुमार कुत्रल  
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Central Sector Scheme, "Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC)"

Under the scheme Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SAME) of National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (NMAET- now renamed as Green Revolution (Krishonnati Yojana)) of Extension Division of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, a Central Sector component, "Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC)" has been under implementation since April, 2002 to supplement the efforts of public extension, support agricultural development and create gainful self-employment opportunities to unemployed youths with qualification in agriculture and allied sectors.

The scheme promotes involvement of agri-preneurs trained under the AC&ABC scheme in providing advisory and extension services to the farmers in agriculture and allied areas through agri-ventures established with financial supports. These agri-preneurs are actively involved in providing advisory and extension services to the farmers on various technologies including soil health, cropping practices, plant protection, post harvest technology etc.

The National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad is the implementing agency for Training Component and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is the implementing agency for Subsidy Component of AC&ABC scheme.

Under the scheme, residential training of 60 days duration is imparted to unemployed candidates who possess degree/ diploma in agriculture and allied subjects, intermediate in agriculture and science graduates with PG in agri related courses through selected Nodal Training Institutes (NTIs) in various parts of the country. The NTIs also provide hand-holding to the trained candidates for establishment of agri-ventures in agriculture and allied areas and facilitates in providing loan assistance from banks and subsidy support through NABARD.

There is a provision of credit linked back-ended up-front composite 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. The subsidy is admissible for loans upto Rs.20 lakh in case of individual and Rs.100 lakh in case of Group Projects (for ventures set up by a group of 5 trained candidates).

During the current year 873 candidates have been trained and 115 have established their ventures. Since inception of the scheme, 60063 candidates have been trained and 25865 agri-ventures have been established in the country till 31.07.2018. Among the ventures established, 2098 have been granted with subsidy as on 30.06.2018. The agri-ventures established under the scheme are acting as active supplementary institutions for Government Extension mechanism in the States/UTs.

Recently, benefits of MUDRA loan scheme have been induced under AC&ABC scheme. Also, the scheme has been on-boarded with DBT Bharat Mission for implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and Aadhaar particulars have been made mandatory for getting benefits under the scheme. Online process has been rolled out on 01.01.2018 through [www.aabcmis.gov.in](http://www.aabcmis.gov.in) for training programmes under the scheme. Action is underway for making subsidy distribution also through online by the end of 2018.

Details of the scheme may be seen at the website [www.agriclinics.net](http://www.agriclinics.net)

Physical & Financial progress report (2014-15 to 2017-18)

| Year    | Financial (Rs. In crore) |                  | Physical           |                      |
|---------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
|         | Fund allocation of funds | Release of funds | Candidates trained | Ventures Established |
| 2014-15 | 26.32                    | 27.09            | 5437               | 2546                 |
| 2015-16 | 29.94                    | 29.94            | 5258               | 2587                 |
| 2016-17 | 28.11                    | 28.11            | 5728               | 2805                 |
| 2017-18 | 31.44                    | 31.44            | 5646               | 2502                 |
|         |                          |                  |                    | Subsidy disbursed    |
|         |                          |                  |                    | 120                  |



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कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय / Ministry of Agri. & Farmers Welfare  
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दिनांक / Dated the 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

**SUB.: Supply of Information under the Right to Information Act, 2005, application from Sh. Kareem Ansari, Hyderabad seeking information on "Schemes" - reg.**

Reference Deputy Director (Administration) & CPIO, Directorate of Extension, Communication No.29-55/2018-Estt./RTI/1371-1380 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018 on the subject cited above forwarding therewith a copy of application dated 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 received from Sh. Kareem Ansari, seeking information under Right to Information Act, 2005.

Presently a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "**Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms**" popularly known as Agricultural Technology Management Agency(ATMA) is under implementation in 676 districts of 29 states & 3 UTs of the country. The scheme promotes a decentralized, farmer friendly, farmer-driven and farmer-accountable extension system in the country. Under the scheme Grants-in-Aid is released to the State Governments {In the ratio of 60:40 (Centre:State) to General States, 90:10 for North-Eastern & 3 Himalayan States and 100% for UTs} with an objective to support State Government's efforts to revitalize their extension system and making available the latest agricultural technologies and good agricultural practices in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied sectors to increase agricultural production and farm income. The extension activities include Farmers Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Meia, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and organizing Farm Schools etc.

Since 2014-15 to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 an amount of Rs.2211.85 crore has been released to States/UTs under the Scheme and State Governments have reported over 1.53 crore farmers benefitted through different extension activities.

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