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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO -2566
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11/08/2023

CUSTOM HIRING CENTERS IN HARYANA

2566. SHRI KARTIKEYA SHARMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Custom Hiring Centers (CHCs) set up during the last three years in the country under the Custom Hiring Center (CHC) Scheme, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) the steps being taken by Government to make farmers aware of the importance of this scheme;
- (c) whether there is any plan proposed by Central Government to increase the number of CHCs in the State of Haryana in view of the fact that Haryana is an agricultural State and there is a huge requirement for such centres;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): For promotion of agricultural mechanization in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization' (SMAM) is being implemented through the State Governments w.e.f. 2014-15, with the objectives of increasing the reach of farm mechanization to small and marginal farmers and to the regions where availability of farm power is low; promoting 'Custom Hiring Centres' and 'Hi-tech Hubs of High Value Machines' to offset the adverse economies of scale arising due to small landholding and high cost of individual ownership; Creating awareness among stakeholders through demonstration and capacity building activities and ensuring performance testing and certification of agricultural machines at designated testing centers located all over the country. Under the scheme, financial assistance @ 40% to 50% of the cost depending on the categories of farmers is available for purchase of agricultural machines on individual ownership basis. Financial assistance @ 40% of the project cost is also available to rural youth & farmer as an entrepreneur, Cooperative Societies of Farmers, Registered Farmers Societies, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Panchayats for establishment of Custom Hiring Centres (CHCs) and Hi-tech hubs of high value agricultural machines. Financial assistance @ 80% of the project cost for the projects costing upto Rs. 10 Lakhs is available to the Cooperative Societies, Registered Farmer Societies, FPOs and Panchayats for setting up of village level Farm Machinery Banks (FMBs). The rate of

financial assistance for the North Eastern States for establishment of FMBs is @95% of the project cost. Awareness on the importance of SMAM are created through capacity building and demonstration of new technology machines on the farmers' fields conducted by the Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institutes, institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), State and other Central Government Agricultural Institutions/Departments and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) of Government of India engaged in agricultural activities. The details of State-wise number of CHCs/Hi-tech Hubs/FMBs established under SMAM during last three years including in the State of Haryana are given in Annexure-I.

Annexure-I**State-wise numbers of the Custom Hiring Centres established under SMAM during last three years**

STATE	NO. OF CHCs/HI-TECH HUBS /FMBs
Andhra Pradesh	7935
Arunachal Pradesh	6
Assam	413
Bihar	638
Chhattisgarh	1243
Gujarat	37
Haryana	1306
Himachal Pradesh	14
Jammu & Kashmir	96
Jharkhand	245
Karnataka	532
Kerala	1102
Madhya Pradesh	854
Maharashtra	957
Manipur	311
Meghalaya	8
Mizoram	108
Nagaland	355
Orissa	127
Punjab	0
Rajasthan	1060
Sikkim	32
Tamil Nadu	787
Telangana	146
Tripura	271
Uttar Pradesh	5795
Uttarakhand	1063
West Bengal	117
Total	25558
