

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2228
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02nd AUGUST, 2021**

EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, considering the immense possibilities of employment in agriculture sector, the Government proposes to impart agricultural training to generate interest among youth;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether training is being imparted to the youth to enable them to get employment in horticulture, beekeeping and animal husbandry;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for skill development in agriculture sector?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) & (b): As per the information received from Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, that Ministry is implementing a scheme “Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centers (AC & ABC)” under ‘Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension’ to provide gainful self-employment opportunities to unemployed youth who possess qualification in agriculture and allied science.

Further, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing a project namely, Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA) through Krishi Vigyan Kendras in 100 districts of the country since 2015-16. The objective of this project is to empower the youth in rural areas to set-up enterprises in agriculture and allied areas for gainful employment and sustainable income generation.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing Mission for integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) in all States/UTs for holistic development of horticulture sector. MIDH inter-alia, supports skill development and creates employment generation opportunities for rural youth & farmers in horticulture and post-harvest management, especially in the cold chain sector.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has also launched National Beekeeping and Honey Mission for three years (2020-21 to 2022-23) with a budget provision of Rs.500 crore. NBHM includes component of trainings, seminars, skill development for farmers/beekeepers etc.

The Ministry of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is providing assistance for conducting training in the areas of poultry, sheep and goat, piggery and fodder cultivation on the Qualification Packs developed by Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) to promote entrepreneurship and employment generation. Under Rastriya Gokul Mission, training is being imparted by the Ministry for capacity building of rural youth to create a pool of 'Multipurpose AI Technicians in Rural India (MAITRIs)'.

(e): The skill training courses in agriculture sector are conducted through National Training Institutes, State Level Training Institutes, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and State Agricultural Universities. Under Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension, short term 7 days Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) are conducted through Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) to upgrade their knowledge and skill on improved technologies in agriculture and allied sectors.

Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR), scheme of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, training is provided to entrepreneurs in agriculture and allied sectors by Agri- incubation centres set up by Knowledge Partners under the Innovation and Agri-entrepreneurship programme.
