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Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Directorate of Extension

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Dated the 1 August, 2023

To,

Sh. Akash Kumar
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(Bihar).

Subject:- Supply of Information under RTI Act, 2005 – Applications received from Sh. Akash Kumar, Bihar vide Registration no.DOEXT/R/T/23/00047 dated 11-07-2023– reg.

Sir,

I am to refer to your RTI application dated 11-07-2023 seeking information on the subject cited above under the RTI Act, 2005. So far as the Directorate of Extension is concerned, the requisite information is given as under:

S.N	Information Sought	Reply
1.	Individual State-wise Program & Scheme that is released and funded (partially or completely) by central Government	Scheme : “Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms” popularly known as ATMA Scheme A Centrally Sponsored Scheme popularly known as ATMA Scheme is under implementation since 2005. Presently, the scheme is being implemented in 704 districts of 28 states and 5 UTs in the country (including all the 38 districts of Bihar). The Scheme promotes decentralized farmer-friendly extension system in the country. Under the scheme, Grants-in-aid is released to the State Governments with an objective to support State Government's efforts and to make available latest agricultural technologies and good agriculture practices in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied areas to farmers through different extension activities viz. Farmers Training, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Mela, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and organizing Farm Schools etc. During current financial year i.e. 2023-24, an amount of Rs.591.97 crore (including Rs. 48.81 crore to Bihar) has been tentatively allocated to carry out extension activities under the Scheme. First instalment of Rs. 12.20 crore has been released to Bihar state so far during the current financial year.
2.	Statewise Scheme name and budget of such scheme	Scheme : Central Sector Component “Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC)” Under the scheme, Agriculture Extension of umbrella scheme Krishonnati Yojana of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, Extension Division is implementing a Central Sector component, “Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC)” 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. Aim: The programme promotes involvement of trained agripreneurs in providing advisory and extension services to the farmers in agriculture and allied areas through agri-ventures established as self employment ventures with financial supports. These agri-preneurs are actively involved in providing advisory

		<p>and extension services to the farmers on various technologies including soil health, cropping practices, plant protection, post harvest technology etc.</p> <p>Implementation: 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 programme. MANAGE implement, through selected Nodal Training Institutes (NTIs) under MoU with MANAGE, 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.</p> <p>Eligibility: Under this, residential training of 45 days duration is imparted to unemployed candidates in the age group of 18-60 years who possess degree/ diploma in agriculture and allied subjects, intermediate in agriculture, science graduates with PG in agri related courses and graduates in life sciences, environmental sciences and Microbiology.</p> <p>Benefits under the Scheme: There is a provision of credit linked back-ended upfront composite subsidy on the bank loan availed by trained candidates under the programme. 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 up to Rs.20 lakhs in case of individual and Rs.100 lakhs in case of Group Projects (for ventures set up by a group of 5 trained candidates).</p> <p>Benefits of MUDRA loan scheme have been inducted under AC&ABC programme. Also, the programme 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 https://acabcmis.gov.in for training programmes under the scheme and details of subsidy distribution are captured on the online portal. Recently, the AC&ABC programme has been on-boarded with PRAYAS Portal for real time monitoring by PMO.</p> <p>Details of the scheme may be seen at the website www.agriclinics.net</p>
3.	Statewise budget for Credit facility for farmers	Does not pertain to Directorate of Extension
4.	State wise Beneficiary who received any kind of Subsidy on agricultural progress activities received by the central government	<p>Scheme : "Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms" popularly known as ATMA Scheme :</p> <p>There is no provision of loan/subsidy component under the ATMA Scheme.</p> <p>Scheme : Central Sector Component "Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC)"</p> <p>The details of State-wise beneficiaries of subsidy under AC&ABC programme since inception to till date is at Annexure-I</p>
5.	State wise total loan amount that is disbursed by relevant farmers from states	<p>Does not pertain to Directorate of Extension.</p>
6.	State wise or national Total amount that is marked as NPA disbursed by farmers for agriculture	
7.	State wise Total amount of loan that is waived off by the central government partially or completely.	
8.	Any support provided by central government that ease the process of farming including (lab support, fertilizer support, environment testing).	
9.	Production growth of crops	

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:-

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Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:

1. Under Secretary (Extension) & CPIO, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhavan, ND for information.
2. Section Officer (RTI), Deptt. of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
3. Dr. Jagdish Prasad Yadav, Joint Director/ IT Incharge, Krishi Vistar Bhavan, New Delhi with request to upload RTI reply on DOE website www.krishivistar.gov.in. Soft copy is being sent on e-mail.

The details of State-wise beneficiaries of subsidy under AC&ABC programme since inception to till dated are as under :

State	No. of Beneficiaries
ASSAM	103
HIMACHAL PRADESH	56
KARNATAKA	349
MAHARASHTRA	650
TAMIL NADU	400
UTTAR PRADESH	1232
WEST BENGAL	51
MADHYA PRADESH	149
ANDHRA PRADESH	21
RAJASTHAN	31
BIHAR	23
PUNJAB	13
HARAYANA	73
NAGALAND	20
CHHATTISGARH	28
KERALA	21
UTTARAKHAND	53
JAMMU & KASHMIR	10
MANIPUR	24
GUJARAT	33
JHARKHAND	14
MEGHALAYA	1
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	4
TELANGANA	125
ODISHA	3
GOA	1
SIKKIM	1
TRIPURA	1
MIZORAM	2
TOTAL	3492