

RTI Matter
Speed Post

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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 16 January, 2023

To,
Shri Ritwik basak
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Subject: - Supply of information under the RTI Act, 2005 - Application from Shri Ritwik Basak seeking information under RTI Act, 2005. (Reg. No. DOEXT/R/E/22/00014 dated 17.12.2022). & Reg No. DOEXT/R/E/22/00013 dt 17/12/2022

Sir,
I am directed to refer to your RTI application dated 17.12.2022 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:

Information sought	Reply
I would want to know that what the extension schemes/programmes are being run by the government with respect to Transfer of Technology in rural areas.	<p>1) Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY):- STRY was launched in 2015 with the aim to impart short term skill training to rural youths and farmers in agriculture and allied areas. The training under STRY is of 7 days duration (for 15 trainees per batch) and training activities are coordinated through State level training institutes (SAMETIs) by involving SAUs, KVKs, NGOs, Vocational Training organization, youth Organizations etc.</p> <p>2) ATMA Scheme is concerned, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms" popularly known as ATMA Scheme is under implementation since 2005. Presently, Scheme is being implemented in 704 districts of 28 states & 5 UTs in the country [Including all the 29 districts Karnataka]. 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 to make available the latest agricultural technologies and good agricultural practices in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied sector to farmers through different extension activities viz; Farmers Training Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Kisan Mela, Mobilization of Farmers Groups and organizing Farm Schools etc. An amount of Rs. 21128.53 lakh (central Share) has been released to the Government of Karnataka under the scheme during 2005-2022 and state has reported that over 34,49,724 farmers of the state have been benefitted so far.</p> <p>3). Agricultural Fairs/Exhibitions are an effective tool to disseminate relevant information and promote appropriate technologies and improved agronomic practices among the farmers and other stakeholders in agriculture and allied sectors. Directorate of Extension, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India participates in 2-3 International exhibitions/fairs organized in a year either abroad or within the country and 6-8 National exhibitions/fairs of 4-6 days duration in a year, to disseminate relevant information and promote appropriate technologies and improved agronomic practices among the farmers and other stakeholders in agriculture and allied sectors. Financial assistance is provided for organization of Regional Agriculture Fairs (RAFs) to State Agriculture Universities (SAUs) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research</p>

(ICAR) institutes. Five (5) Regional Agriculture Fairs @ one in each region, namely, North, South, East, West and North East organized through State Agriculture Universities/ICAR Institutes during a year are supported with a maximum funding of Rs. 15 lakh each. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare also provides financial assistance to other institutions for organization of 05 Seminars/conferences related to Agriculture & allied sector at International/National/State level events.

4) Mass media Support to Agriculture Extension Scheme:

The primary objective of the mass media Support to Agriculture Extension Scheme (MMSAE) since its inception in 2004-2005 is to create awareness/publicity of schemes /missions/ government new initiatives/advisories /modern technologies related to agriculture and allied sector for the welfare of farming community through Electronic & Print Media & later Social Media added to harness the potential & growth in spread of mobiles & internet usage even in the rural areas.

The scheme is being implemented through Doordarshan, DD Kisan and All India Radio to telecast & broadcast the sponsored agriculture and allied sector programmes. Under the scheme, a Krishi Darshan programme of 30 minutes (05 days a week) (5.30 – 6.00 PM) being telecast through 18 Regional Kendras of Doordarshan, 03 programmes namely Krishi Darshan (30 minutes) (5.00 – 6.00 PM), Hello Kisan (60 minutes) (6.00 – 7.00 PM) and Choupal Charcha (30 minutes) (9.00 – 9.30 AM) (05 days a week) on DD Kisan & 30 minutes of programmes namely Kisan Vani (06 days a week) (6.30 – 7.00 PM) through 96 Rural FM Radio Stations of All India Radio are being utilized to broadcast. Since, September 2018 a new agriculture programme "Kisan Ki Baat" was being broadcast on FM gold Channel, Delhi, (3.10 – 3.40 PM), on the lines of Kisan Vani programme.

In addition to above, the 'Focused Publicity & Awareness Campaign' through Audio-Video Spots are also being broadcast/telecast through DD, AIR and Private TV-Radio Channels operating at National & Regional Level for the benefits of the farming community. Besides, publicity & awareness is also carried out through Outdoor Publicity as well as through print advertisements in leading newspapers across the country. In view of growth in spread of mobiles and internet usage even in the rural areas, social media platforms viz Facebook (www.facebook.com/agrioi), Twitter (www.twitter.com/agrioi), Instagram (Instagram / agrioi) and youtube (www.youtube.com/agrioi) etc are also utilized for the publicity.

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.
4. Hindi Section for Hindi Version.

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16/12/2023
Dy. Director (Admn) & CPIO

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