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विषय : सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम, 2005 के अंतर्गत सूचना की आपूर्ति- विस्तार निदेशालय से सम्बंधित सूचना प्राप्त करने के लिए श्री केविन प्रसान्त, तमिलनाडू से प्राप्त प्रार्थना पत्र के सन्दर्भ में सूचना देने से सम्बंधित (पंजीकरण संख्या DOEXT/R/T/23/00060 दिनांक 19-10-2023)

महोदय

कृपया आप अपने आर.टी. आई. अनुरोध उक्त पंजीकरण संख्या का अवलोकन करें जिसमें आर.टी.आई. अधिनियम, 2005 के तहत उपरोक्त विषय पर विस्तार निदेशालय से सम्बंधित सूचना निम्नवत है :-

S.No	मांगी गई जानकारी	जवाब
1.	Can you provide data on the total budget allocation for agricultural development in the current fiscal year?	Total budget for current financial year 2023-24 : A. Agri-Clinic & Agri-Business Centres (AC&ABC) – Rs. 29 crores. B. Kisan Call Center (KCC) : Rs. 25 crore C. Support to State Extension Progrms for Extension Reforms (ATMA Scheme) : Rs. 591.97 lakh (Centre Share) has been tentatively allocated during the current financial year i.e. 2023-24.
2.	What are the key initiatives or programs undertaken by the department to promote sustainable agriculture practices?	Support to State Extension Progrms for Extension Reforms (ATMA Scheme) : 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.
3.	Please provide details of the number of agricultural extension services and programs offered to farmers.	A. Agri-Clinic & Agri-Business Centres : Annexure-I B. Kisan Call Centre : Annexure-I C. Support to State Extension Programs for Extension Reforms (ATMA Scheme) : Same as point no. 2 above.
4.	Can you share information about any subsidies or financial assistance scheme available to farmers for crop cultivation and livestock rearing?	Does not pertain to Directorate of Extension.
5.	What measures are in place to address issues like crop insurance and compensation for crop loss due to natural disasters?	- Do -

6.	Please provide data on the quality and availability of agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides.	- DO -
7.	What steps are taken to promote organic farming and reduce the use of chemical pesticides in Agriculture?	<p>Scheme –ATMA Scheme :</p> <p>Latest agricultural technologies and good agricultural practices in different thematic areas of agriculture and allied sector including promotion of organic farming and reduce the use of chemical pesticides in agriculture are taken up under the ATMA Scheme through different extension activities.</p> <p>For more details about the implementation of ATMA Scheme in Tamil Nadu, the applicant is advised to contact State Nodal Officer (ATMA), Government of Tamil Nadu, Chepauk, Chennai-600005 (Tamil Nadu).</p> <p>ATMA Scheme Guidelines, 2018 are available in public domain (vide http://extensionreforms.dacnet.nic.in/PDF/atmaguid23814.pdf)</p>

आपको सूचित करना है कि केंद्रीय जन सूचना अधिकारी के उत्तर के खिलाफ प्रथम अपील, यदि कोई हो, करने के लिए यह उत्तर प्राप्त होने के 30 दिनों के अंदर प्रथम अपीली प्राधिकारी को अपील किया जा सकता है। प्रथम अपीली प्राधिकारी का विवरण निम्नवत है :-

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प्रतिलिपि :-

1. अवर सचिव (विस्तार व सी.पी.आई.ओ.), कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण विभाग, कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली को सूचनार्थ।
2. अनुभाग अधिकारी (आर.टी.आई.), आर.टी.आई. सेल, कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली।
3. श्री जगदीश प्रसाद यादव, संयुक्त निदेशक/आई.टी. इनचार्ज, कृषि विस्तार भवन, नई दिल्ली को इस अनुरोध के साथ कि उपरोक्त जवाब को विस्तार निदेशालय की वेबसाइट www.krishivistar.gov.in पर अपलोड करवाने का कष्ट करें।

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 agri-preneurs in providing advisory and extension services to the farmers in agriculture and allied areas through agriventures established as self employment ventures 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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

Details of the scheme may be seen at the website www.agriclinics.net

Scheme : Kisan Call Centre (KCC) :

The Kisan Call Centre (KCC) scheme was launched on 21st January, 2004 to provide answer to farmers' queries on agriculture and allied sectors over phone in their own language. A country wide common eleven digit number 1800-180-1551 has been allocated for Kisan Call Centre. The replies to the queries of the farming community are given in 22 official languages. KCCs operate from 17 locations in the country covering all the States/UTs. Calls are attended from 6.00 AM to 10.00 PM on all 7 days of a week. The scheme is being run by service provider on contract basis. These centers are manned by the Call Centre Agents known as Farm Tele Advisors (FTAs) who are graduate or above (PG or Doctorate) in agriculture & allied sectors. The calls which are not answered by the FTAs are escalated to Level-II Experts who are from State Department of Agriculture/Sau/KVKs/ICAR Institutes.