

Subject: Lok Sabha Admitted Un-starred Parliament Question No. 2697 on “Technical Training for Small and Marginal Farmers” - reg

The point-wise reply is as provided below –

- (a) *Whether the Government is aware that small and marginal farmers are facing difficulties in improving crop productivity due to lack of technical and exposure to modern agricultural practices, if so, details thereof;*

Reply: Does not pertain to MANAGE. However, different policies of the government suggest about its focus on improving technical knowledge of the farmes and exposing them to modern agricultural proacties. MANAGE is also organizing training programmes to strengthen the capacities of extension professionals; who are, in turn, expected to enhance the knowledge and skills of farmers. In addition, MANAGE has conducted short-duration, skill-based training programmes for rural youth including farmers in various agricultural vocational fields under the component on Skill Training of Rural Youth (STRY) under the Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE). The component has now been subsumed under ATMA since 2025–26. The details provided below –

Year	No. of Rural youth trained under STRY		
	Male	Female	Total
2015-16	270	53	323
2016-17	1129	193	1322
2017-18	1750	421	2171
2018-19	6059	2542	8601
2019-20	6170	2880	9050
2020-21	3818	2596	6414
2021-22	6067	4389	10456
2022-23	6315	5319	11634
2023-24	11416	9524	20940
2024-25	7003	5988	12991
2025-26	1281	1262	2543
Total	51278	35167	86445

Note: As on 30.07.2026

- (b) *Whether the Government has conducted any nationwide assessment on the impact of limited technical knowledge on crop yields of small landholders, if so, details thereof and key findings;*

Reply: Does not pertain to MANAGE

- (c) *Whether the existing agricultural extension services are adequately reaching small farmers with updated scientific practices, if so details thereof and gaps identified;*

Reply: Does not pertain to MANAGE. However, MANAGE organises training programs on different aspects of agriculture to strengthen the capacities of extension professionals; who, in turn, are expected to enhance the knowledge and skills of farmers. The Institute has been organizing a wide range of capacity-building programs for building competencies of extension professionals and other stakeholders to enhance the effectiveness of the agricultural extension services. These initiatives include training programmes, workshops, exposure visits, and other learning interventions aimed at enhancing the knowledge and skills of extension personnel, agri-entrepreneurs, and other stakeholders. The details of training programs conducted by the Institute during the last three years and the current academic year are given below –

Academic Year	No. of Training Programs (Achievement)	Total Participants
2023 – 2024	520	43,144
2024 – 2025	448	38,028
2025 – 2026	329	32,764
2026 - 2027	55	4,546

- (d) *Whether the Government proposes to strengthen farmer training programs through Krishi Vigyan Kendras under Indian Council of Agricultural Research, if so, details thereof and coverage achieved; and*

Reply: Does not pertain to MANAGE.

- (e) *Whether the lack of exposure to agro-industrial practices is affecting income potential of small farmers, if so, details thereof and steps taken to bridge this gap.*

Reply: Does not pertain to MANAGE