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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-498
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23/07/2021

DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFER IN FARM MECHANIZATION

498. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the procedure for availing benefits under Farm Machinery DBT system, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the system allow for both online and offline registration of farmers, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to assist the farmers in online registration, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the targets set by the Ministry under this initiative, the details thereof; and
- (e) to what extent the targets have been achieved, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization' (SMAM) with effect from 2014-15. The scheme is implemented by the respective State Governments and some of the major States like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Haryana have their own online portals for implementing the scheme. The Department has also developed a Farm Machinery Direct Benefit Transfer (FMDBT) portal for implementation of SMAM and the State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Uttarkhand have on-boarded for implementation of SMAM through this portal. Farmers can register on this portal through online registration in simple easy steps with Aadhar number, mobile number and name as per Aadhar card. The illustrative user manual describing step by step process of registration of the farmers is also available on the portal.

(d) & (e): Since inception of the SMAM, central grants amounting to Rs. 4865 crores have been released to different States during the period from 2014-15 to 2021-22 and through which more than 1323000 machines have been distributed to farmers and more than 15400 Custom Hiring Centres, 360 Hi-tech hubs and 14200 Farm Machinery Banks have been established to make machines and equipments available to farmers on rental basis.
