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LOK SABHA**

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MECHANISATION IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have implemented a Central scheme for the development of mechanisation in agriculture among small and marginal farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of small and marginal farmers benefited therefrom during the last three years and upto June, 2000?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c): A Centrally Sponsored Scheme entitled 'Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among Small Farmers' has been under implementation since 1992-93. Under the Scheme, subsidy at the rate of 30% of the cost of tractor, including implements, limited to Rs.30,000/- is available to the farmers individually or in groups for the purchase of tractors upto 30 Power Take Off Horse Power (PTOHP). 11970 number of tractors have been subsidised benefiting more than this number of farmers, including small and marginal farmers, during the last three years (till 31.3.2000). During the current year funds have been released to the States for subsidising 550 number of tractors.