

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:214
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2000
PRODUCTIVITY OF DRYLAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have stressed the need to increase the productivity of dryland from the present level of 0.8 tonne per hectare to meet the challenges of food and fodder requirements;
- (b) if so, whether the research strategies for rainfed areas need to be supported by appropriate Government policy initiatives with an institutional framework for effective involvement of Panchayat Raj institutions; and
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.214 TO BE ANSWERED ON 4 DECEMBER, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Government of India attaches high priority to the improvement of productivity of dryland. A large number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation which have a thrust on increasing productivity of the dryland areas. The Centrally Sponsored Schemes are being implemented through State Governments. The State Governments in turn are implementing these schemes directly or through Panchayat Raj Institutions. The major Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented are as follows:

A Watershed-based Schemes

1. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA).
2. Soil Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Projects (RVP) and Flood Prone Rivers (FPR).
3. Watershed Development in Shifting Cultivation Areas (WDPSA).

B Cropping system-based programmes

1. Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP).
2. National Pulses Development Project (NPDP).
3. Accelerated Maize Development Programme (AMDP).
4. Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals (ICDP Coarse cereals).
5. Intensive Cotton Development Programme (ICDP).
6. Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice).

7 Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Wheat Based Cropping systems Areas (ICDP-Wheat).

C Dryland Horticulture

1. Integrated Development of Fruits.

2. Development of Horticulture through Plastic Culture Interventions.