

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN MAHARASHTRA

ANANTRAO GUDHE;CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have formulated and implemented any Central Scheme for promotion and development of agricultural sector in the State of Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide incentives to small and marginal farmers of the State;
- (d) whether a special programme has been launched to check frequent droughts in the State;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether there is a proposal to set up a centre at the Panchayat level to provide agriculture related information; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): A list of major Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes under implementation for the promotion and development of agriculture sector in the State of Maharashtra is as follows:

1. Macro Management Scheme
2. Technology Mission on Cotton
3. Oilseed Production Programme
4. National Pulses Development Project
5. Accelerated Maize Development Programme
6. Investment in Debentures of Land Development Banks
- 7 National Project on Development and Use of Bio-fertilizers.

(c): The benefit of the Schemes implemented by the Government of India are extended to all category of farmers including small and marginal farmers. These Schemes provide assistance in various components and some of the components give special consideration to certain category of farmers such as small and marginal farmers. The Government also implement Schemes for price and market support which help in strengthening the farm income and economic conditions of the farmers. These Schemes cover all categories of farmers including small and marginal farmers.

(d) & (e): Major programmes like national watershed development project for rainfed areas, soil and water conservation for enhancing agricultural productivity of degraded land in the Catchments of river valley projects and flood prone rivers under the Macro Management Scheme are being implemented in Maharashtra which help in mitigating and drought proofing in the State.

(f) & (g): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.