

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:186
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SCHEME TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF CROPS IN EASTERN INDIA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have launched any new scheme to increase the production of various crops in the country particularly in Eastern India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;and
- (c) the extent to which crop production is likely to be increased as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PART (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.186 DUE REPLY ON 02.12.2002.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A new centrally sponsored scheme of 'On-farm Water Management for increasing Crop Production in Eastern India' has been launched during March, 2002 for implementation in all the districts of the State of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh besides Eastern Uttar Pradesh and parts of West Bengal. The scheme is to be continued in the X Five Year Plan also.

The components of the scheme are as follows:-

- # Assistance for installation of Shallow Tube Wells with pump sets for individual/group of farmers.
- # Assistance for community lift irrigation points (LIP) to groups of farmers.
- # Assistance for electric/diesel water pumping sets to individual farmers and
- # Assistance for dug wells in the plateau regions only.

The scheme is a back-ended credit linked scheme and is being implemented through NABARD in coordination with the State Governments of the ten eastern Indian States. The scheme has been launched during March, 2002 and will continue during the entire X Plan period.

The funding pattern of the scheme will be at 20:50:30 basis i.e., 20% of the average unit cost will be the contribution of the beneficiaries, 50% of the average unit cost as loan from commercial/cooperative/Regional Rural Banks and the remaining 30% being the assistance from Government of India as subsidy.

(c) With the implementation of the scheme and with the availability of assured irrigation at the command of the farmers, the additional productivity of mainly rabi/summer rice in these States is likely to be increased by 3 tonnes per hectare. Further, an additional yield of one tonne per hectare is likely to be obtained during kharif season.