

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:296
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2000
MERGER OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to merge some Centrally Sponsored Schemes relating to agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details of such schemes;
- (c) whether the Government have also scrapped some of the schemes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (e) the manner in which the farmers are likely to be benefited as a result thereof; and
- (f) the time by which the merged schemes are likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.296 TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH MARCH, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) to (f) It is proposed to integrate some of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for agricultural development into one comprehensive scheme for assistance to the States. A list of schemes under consideration for integration, is annexed.

Upon the implementation of the new scheme, the States will be free to continue the existing schemes according to their own priorities.

The proposal will accord greater flexibility to State Governments to develop and pursue activities for the benefit of the farmers on the basis of regional priorities, enhance the productivity of support programmes and bring synergy of activities.

The merged scheme is likely to be implemented during 2000-01.

ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF SCHEMES BEING CONSIDERED FOR INTEGRATION IN STATE WORK PLANS

1. Assistance to Weaker Section Co-operatives.
2. Assistance to Co-operatives for Women.
3. Assistance to Co-operative credit institutions in the under developed states and special Areas. (Non Over due cover).
4. Agricultural Credit Stabilisation Fund.
5. Special Scheme for scheduled castes and scheduled Tribes.
6. Integrated Cereal Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice).
7. Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Wheat Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Wheat).
8. Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals).

9. Special Jute Development Programme.
10. Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System - SUBACS.
11. Balanced and Integrated use of Fertilisers.
12. Promotion of Agricultural mechanization among small farmers.
13. Integrated Development of Tropical Arid and Temperate Zone Fruits.
14. Production and Supply of Vegetable Seeds.
15. Development of root and tuber crops.
16. Development of Commercial Floriculture.
17. Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants.
18. Development of Cashews including cocoa.
19. Integrated Programme for Development of Spices.
20. Development of Mushroom.
21. Use of Plastics in agriculture.
22. Bee Keeping.
23. National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPPRA).
24. Scheme for Foundation and Certified Seed Production of Vegetable Crops.
25. Soil Conservation in the catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers.
26. Reclamation and Development of Alkali (Usuar) soils.
27. Strengthening of State Land Use Boards.
28. Macro Management.