

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AUGMENTATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

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

- (a) whether the Government provides assistance to the farmers to acquire agricultural inputs in order to augment production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of other measures being taken by the Government for augmenting agricultural production in the country;
- (d) whether the Union Government has issued any direction to the Food Corporation of India to collect the rice from the co-operative societies which procured paddy from farmers in Kerala; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the status of implementation of the said directives?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c) All the schemes being implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperative are meant to augment agricultural production and productivity including those providing assistance to farmers for acquiring agricultural inputs. The major schemes/interventions in this regard are:

- # Macro Management of Agriculture.
- # On Farm Water Management for Increasing Crop Production in Eastern India.
- # Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM).
- # National Project on Promotion of Organic Farming.
- # Transport Subsidy on Movement of Seeds to North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Hilly Areas of West Bengal.
- # Promotion and Strengthening of Agricultural Mechanization through Training, Testing and Demonstration.
- # Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management in India.
- # Technology Mission on Cotton.
- # Schemes for Construction of Cold Storages and Rural Godowns.
- # Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern Region including Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal.

(d) and (e) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) have been directed to open the required number of procurement centers in Kerala for purchase of paddy from farmers as part of the Minimum Support Price operations during the kharif marketing season 2004-05. Follow up meetings among the Government of India, FCI and State Government are taking place.