

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO SMALL AND MARGINAL FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of assistance/ compensation to be provided by the Government to the farmers particularly, small and marginal farmers affected or likely to be affected due to decline in production of foodgrains in the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any strategy to tackle this situation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (d): Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has been implementing various Crop Development schemes for enhancing the food grain production in the country including low productivity areas, wherein, farmers are provided assistance for procuring quality seeds, nutrients, pest chemicals, farm machinery etc.

National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has been implemented in low productivity districts for enhancing the food grain production of rice, wheat and pulses by 20 million tones during 11th plan; Crop production programmes for rice, wheat and coarse cereals are being encouraged under Macro Management Agriculture (MMA) scheme. Maize production is also being promoted through Integrated Scheme on Oilseed, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM). Under these schemes preference is being given to small and marginal famers including women, SC, ST farmers.

Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), additional Central assistance is provided to the states to achieve 4% growth in Agriculture and allied sectors and to reduce yield gaps of crops and maximizing returns to the farmers. New initiative of `Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India` in Six eastern states is also focused towards enhancing agriculture production. Besides, new initiative of `organizing 60,000 pulses and Oilseed villages` is being implemented in major pulses growing states to supplement the efforts of other schemes in enhancing the pulses production in the dry land areas.