

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether farmers are being encouraged to adopt new technologies, inter-cropping, integrated nutrient management, drip and sprinkler irrigation etc. so as to increase the agricultural productivity;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified 60,000 pulses and oilseed villages in the country and is planning to provide tractors and other farming machinery to such villages;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the facilities provided therein; and
- (e) the details of areas covered by these villages?

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)&(b): Yes, Madam. These interventions are assisted under several schemes, including (i) National Food Security Mission; (ii) Micro Irrigation; (iii) National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility and (iv) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.

(c) to (e): Under RKVY, a sub-scheme – organizing 60,000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in Rainfed Areas – has been launched during 2010-11. Under this sub-scheme, it is envisaged to establish 6,000 custom hiring centers on hub and spoke model to service 60,000 pulses/oilseeds villages. These custom hiring centers are proposed to have a set of implements – tractors, rotavators, and ridge furrow planters – along with some working capital. The state-wise targets of area coverage and funds allocated for the year 2010-11 are enclosed at Annexure.