

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE OF FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the agriculture sector is providing employment to almost 70 per cent rural work force in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of various schemes formulated for the welfare of farmers/rural workers?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): At present agriculture sector is providing employment to around 58.2% of the work force. Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a number of schemes for development of agriculture leading to welfare of farmers/agricultural workers. The flagship schemes include (i) Macro Management of Agriculture;
- (ii) Ashtray Kristi Visas Yojana;
 - (iii) National Horticulture Mission;
 - (iv) National Food Security Mission;
 - (v) Micro Irrigation;
 - (vi) Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms;
 - (vii) Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM);
 - (viii) National Bamboo Mission; and
 - (ix) Horticulture Mission for North-East and Himalayan States.

The government is also implementing schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Bharat Nirman, Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP), Indira Awas Yojna, Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana, National Old Age Pension Scheme, etc that benefit the farmers and rural workers.