

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY

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

- (a) whether there is a need to introduce modern farming technology, engineering and to provide incentives to the farmers in order to increase the production of pulses and oilseeds and other foodgrains and bring down their cost of production;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard indicating the achievement made thereunder;
- (c) whether any amount has been allocated for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh?

**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. Accordingly, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing various schemes for introducing modern farming technology, engineering and for providing incentives to the farmers in order to increase agriculture production and bring down production cost.

The following major schemes are benefiting the farmers in increasing their farm productivity and for betterment of economic returns:

- (i) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY);
- (ii) National Food Security Mission (NFSM),
- (iii) Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA);
- (iv) Promotion and Strengthening of Agricultural Mechanization through Training, Testing and Demonstrations (PSAM).

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The details of amount allocated, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh during last three years (2007-08 to 2009-10) and current year (2010-11) against the above mentioned schemes is annexed herewith.