

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to provide special Central assistance to States for improving agriculture so as to achieve the targeted four per cent growth rate in the farm sector;
- (b) if so, the details of the assistance proposed to be provided alongwith the new schemes prepared for the purpose, Statewise;
- (c) the other steps taken by the Union Government to revamp and rejuvenate the agriculture sector, keeping in view the world wide economic recession; and
- (d) the benefits likely to accrue to small farmers as a result of such assistance?

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) & (b): No, Madam. The Union Government does not propose to provide any special central assistance to States for improving agriculture so as to achieve the targeted four per cent growth rate in the farm sector. However, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) has launched two schemes

(i) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for Rs.25000 crore and

(ii) National Food Security Mission (NFSM) for Rs. 4883 crore during the Eleventh Five Year Plan to increase production and productivity in the agriculture sector as a step towards achieving four per cent growth in the farm sector. The State wise allocation for 2009-10 of these two schemes is enclosed at annexure-I.

(c): The DAC implements a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes/Central Sector Schemes to revamp and rejuvenate the agriculture sector and increase the production and productivity. The Government has also implemented the scheme of Debt Waiver and Debt Relief-2008 for farmers.

(d): The schemes being implemented by DAC are for the benefit of the entire farming community including small farmers.

So far a total 3.01 crore small & marginal farmers and 67 lakhs other farmers have been benefited from the scheme involving Debt Waiver and Debt Relief of Rs. 65318.33 crore.