

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR WELFARE OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has carried out any study to assess the activities of the farming community belonging to the Other Backward Class (OBC) which is well versed in the vegetable cultivation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to implement any special scheme for the welfare of the farmers particularly belonging to the said community; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a number of schemes for agriculture development viz. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Food Security Mission, National Horticulture Mission, Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize, National Mission on Micro Irrigation, Horticulture Mission for North-East and Himalayan States, etc leading to welfare of farmers/farming community including Other Backward Class (OBC).

These apart, Government is also implementing schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee, Bharat Nirman, Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme, Indira Awas Yojana, Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, National Old Age Pension Scheme, etc, which benefit farmers including Other Backward Classes.