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DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to formulate concrete development schemes for farmers, youths and women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Several development schemes have been initiated by the Government of India for farmers, youth and women.

The programmes for the farmers aim at diversifying income portfolio of farmers to high value crops such as horticulture, floriculture as well as non-crop farming such as livestock, poultry etc., increasing productivity through transfer of new technologies, subsidizing inputs, promoting mechanization, involving farmers in agricultural planning decisions and conserving natural resources. Some of these programmes include: National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North Eastern and Hill Areas (HMNEA), National Project on Cattle and Buffalo Breeding (NPCBB), Assistance for Control of Animal Diseases (ASCAD), Agriculture Extension Reforms, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP), National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) and Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) etc. ICAR is conducting research on development of new technologies for increasing productivity and reducing cost of cultivation for the benefit of farmers. Besides these programmes several other steps have been taken by the Government of India which include interest subvention to make credit available at low interest rate to farmers, announcement of Minimum Support Prices (MSP) to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers and initiation of Bharat Nirman for development of rural infrastructure.

For development of youth expansion of access to secondary education, revamping of vocational education and creation of additional seats at higher education level are important steps taken by the Government. Further, National Skill Development Mission has been launched in Eleventh Five-Year Plan to bring about a paradigm shift in handling skill development programme. Some specific programmes implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports for the youth include: National Youth Corps (NYC), National Service Scheme (NSS), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) as also schemes to broad basing of sports in rural areas through Panchayat Yuva Khel Aur Krida Abhiyan and promoting excellence in sports, etc.

The development of women is a priority area for the Government. The Government of India has introduced Gender Budget which is available at Statement-20 of the Union Expenditure Budget–Volume-I to pay focused attention of the participation of women in development schemes. Some major programmes for women development include: Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls (SABLA), Indira Gandhi Matritava Sahyog Yojana, Integrated Child Development Services, and National Mission for Empowerment of Women etc.

Development of farmers, youth and women will continue to receive high attention of the Government during the Twelfth Five Year Plan.

(c): Does not arise.