

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN AGRICULTURE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any change in agricultural structure in the country is required to completely implement the proposed Food Security Act;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any Central scheme has been formulated to meet the basic requirements of agriculture such as electricity, irrigation, fertilisers etc.; 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): Yes, Madam. To effectively implement the proposed Food Security Act, it is estimated that there should be an additional production of about 70-75 million tones of food grains. This would require revitalization of agriculture sector with larger investment to support agricultural research, development, & extension services, development of water resources, infrastructure particularly power, storage and transportation & ensuring access to credit, crop insurances & remunerative prices to the farmers. Ministry of Agriculture has tentatively worked out an additional requirements of Rs. 1,15,660 crores for the purpose. Proposed National Food Security Act under Section 38 of chapter XIV read with schedule III focuses on the revitalization of agriculture.

(c) & (d): The approach proposed for 12th Plan would essentially be on sustained production in high productivity districts by promotion of resource conservation technologies; increasing productivity of low producing districts by active technology promotion and institutional development especially for improving small farmer's access to agricultural inputs and markets; creating agricultural infrastructure with in situ and ex situ rainwater harvesting structures, flood control measures, service providers for establishing efficient supply chains and Farm Machines, Quality Inputs, Storage, Finance, Aggregation, Sale, Transport and building resilience to climate change with technology development and to address abiotic and biotic stresses.

Ministry of Agriculture has developed an action plan comprising Mission Mode programmes by consolidation of 51 existing scheme into schemes focusing on production & promotion of food grains, horticulture, seeds & planting material and farm mechanization.