

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROBLEM OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey in regard to the problems being faced by the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to overcome the problem faced by the agriculture sector; and
- (d) the funds earmarked, allocated and released to the States for the promotion of the same during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Agriculture has prepared a report on the State of Indian Agriculture – 2011-12 with a comprehensive coverage about management of natural resources such as soil, water and climate; farm inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, farm machinery and equipment, irrigation, agricultural labour, credit and insurance; agricultural production and programmes, agricultural prices and markets, agricultural research, education and extension services; animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries; post harvest management and value addition. Copies of the report, both in Hindi & English, have been laid in Parliament. The report is also uploaded on the website of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, www.agricoop.nic.in.

(c): In order to meet the growing food requirement, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) incentivizes the states to increase public investment in agriculture and allied sectors while providing flexibility and autonomy to the states in planning and execution of schemes. Beside RKVY, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses and Maize (ISOPOM) are the other major schemes being implemented to increase agricultural production and productivity in the country. Further, a new initiative, 'Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India' (BGREI) has been started to increase the productivity through promotion of innovative production technologies and agronomical practices in eastern India. In order to enhance productivity, emphasis is given to easy and reliable access to inputs such as quality seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, irrigation, suitable technology, extension services, support infrastructure and innovative marketing systems.

(d): Details of funds provided by the Department under various schemes being implemented during last three years and current year are given in the statements attached.