

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SEMINAR ON `DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE`  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a seminar on `Development of Agriculture` was organised recently;
- (b) if so, the details of the main issues discussed and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has introduced new techniques in agriculture to increase the production of foodgrains and fruits;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the projected increase in production for the next three years?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): No, Madam. However, as a part of the deliberations by the committee of Governors appointed by the President a Workshop was held on 15.02.2012 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. The Workshop discussed different aspect, of Policy initiatives for promoting partnership between stake holders in Agriculture with particular reference to Rainfed/ Dryland farming.

Proven technologies /interventions are being promoted amongst the farmers through organization of block demonstrations in cluster mode approach under several new initiatives like Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India(BGREI), Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P), Integrated Nutritional Security through Intensive Millet Promotion (INSIMP). Resource efficient agricultural practices are being promoted like System of Rice Intensification (SRI) under National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Line sowing/transplanting under BGREI & NFSM. Department of Agriculture and Cooperation (DAC) is also implementing two centrally sponsored schemes Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the country for increasing productivity and production of Horticultural crops through rejuvenation/ replanting of old and senile orchards, protected cultivation, organic farming, promotion of integrated nutrient management/integrated pest management, post harvest management including establishment of marketing infrastructure.

Projected increase in crop production to meet the growing demand will be assessed by the planning commission at the commencement of 12th five year plan. Accordingly, the crop wise and season wise national crop production target are fixed every year by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.