

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of various grassroot innovations related to agricultural practices that could reduce costs and increase agricultural productions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage implementation of such innovations at the national level?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Grass root innovations in agricultural practices have been taken note of for further analysis and development of appropriate technologies. Efforts are also made to strengthen some concepts for developing and spreading cost-effective agricultural practices. Further, farmers' innovations are also documented by ICAR and encouraged through National Agricultural Innovation Project by interacting with farm innovators. Over 690 such innovations have been documented and ICAR organized a National Farm Innovators' Meet in 2010, with an aim to accord recognition to these innovators and provide a platform for exchange of experiences. Over 221 farmers from 25 states participated.

(c) The ICAR recognizes the innovative farmers, through Jagjivan Ram Abhinav Kisan Puraskar/Jagjivan Ram Innovative Farmer Award since 1997. The government also recognizes the innovators through the National Innovation Foundation of Department of Science & Technology.