

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether despite various ongoing schemes for promotion of agriculture in the country, more than 30 percent farmers are living below poverty line;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has made any study to assess the performance of each of these schemes during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the outcome of such study;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to reform such schemes to make them more useful; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): At present about 21.8 percent population in the country are living below the poverty line (mixed reference period). As per the yearly review of the agricultural schemes by the Planning Commission, agricultural growth rate has accelerated compared to the earlier period. Performance of the schemes is regularly assessed or reviewed by the Department through review meetings and field visits by senior officers, Annual Rabi and Kharif conferences and video conferences with State Governments. Based on the feedback, appropriate actions are taken. Performance of the Schemes have helped the Government to achieve record production, as per second advance estimates for 2011-12, of 250.42 million tonnes of foodgrains, 102.75 million tonnes of rice, 88.31 million tonnes of wheat, 17.28 million tonnes of pulses and 30.53 million tonnes of oilseeds, 34.09 million bales (of 170 kgs. each) of cotton, & 347.87 million tonnes of sugarcane.