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SUGARCANE FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any special schemes or plans to promote sugarcane farming;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted to increase the output of sugarcane; and
- (d) if so, the major findings thereof and the Government's reactions thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing centrally sponsored scheme known as Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) for development of Sugarcane in various sugarcane growing states of the country under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMA).

Under the SUBACS scheme, assistance is provided on field demonstrations, farmers' trainings, seed multiplication, farm implements, integrated nutrients management, integrated pest management (IPM), micronutrients and drip irrigation system.

Similarly, Under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), the State Governments have been given flexibility to choose their priorities for formulation of the projects including Sugarcane development.

(c) & (d): This Department has not recently conducted any study related to increase the output of sugarcane. However, evaluation studies of the SUBACS conducted in the past have laid stress on the promotion of bio-pesticides, IPM, tissue culture, heat treatment plant, drip irrigation, trainings and soil ameliorants for effective implementation of the scheme so as to increase the sugarcane output.