

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:144  
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DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN BACKWARD STATES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formulated special schemes for the development of agriculture in backward States like Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated and released to these States during each of the last three years; and
- (d) the details of the success achieved in these States as a result thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 144 DUE FOR REPLY ON 4TH DECEMBER, 2012.

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. In order to harness the Potential of Eastern Indian Plains for enhancing agricultural production, a programme "Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI)" under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was announced in the Union Budget, 2010-11. This programme is being implemented in the States of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Eastern Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal with the objective of increasing productivity of rice based cropping systems through promotion of recommended agriculture technologies and packages of practices by addressing the underlying constraints of different agro-climatic sub regions. The State Level Sanctioning Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary is vested with the authority to sanction projects under RKVY, including BGREI. A statement indicating the funds allocated and released to the States including Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh under RKVY & BGREI during last three years is annexed (Annexure-I). The implementation of these and other schemes of the Department has resulted in increased food grain production in the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand (Annexure-II).