

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE RELATED INFORMATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing agriculture related information to the farmers for acquiring knowledge about new seeds and food processing methods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the necessary steps taken by the Government in this regard in coordination with the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India is providing information and knowledge to farmers in all aspects of agriculture including that on new seeds and food processing methods through trainings, demonstrations, study tours, exposure visits, farm schools, farmer field schools, farm trial, exhibitions, agri-preneurs, printed literature and Mass Media Support to Agricultural Extension through All India Radio and Doordarshan.

Brief details of different Schemes supporting these activities are given at Annexure I.

In addition, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is also implementing various Schemes for promotion and development of Food Processing Sector in the country - Details are given in Annexure II.

(c) Financial assistance under all these Schemes is provided to the State Governments which, in turn, implement the Schemes with active involvement of Farmer Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Private Sector Units and individuals (including farmers themselves).