

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has reviewed the status of implementation of special schemes formulated for the development of agriculture in the country including backward States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made under the schemes, so far;
- (c) whether the Government has also assessed the utilisation of funds allocated and released under the said schemes;
- (d) if so, the details of the funds allocated, released and utilised under the said schemes during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for the development of agriculture in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Two flagship schemes of Ministry namely

(i) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and

(ii) National Food Security Mission introduced/implemented during 11th Plan period for the development of agriculture in the country, have been reviewed and are continuing for implementation during 12th Plan. Due to special efforts under these schemes and other schemes of the Ministry and encouraging response by the farmers to various initiatives of the Government there has been substantial increase in agricultural production. During the year 2011-12, the foodgrain production has reached a record level of 259.32 million tonnes as against a production of 218.10 million tonnes in the year 2009-10 and 244.49 million tonnes in 2010-11. Foodgrain production is estimated to cross 250 million tonnes during 2012-13.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Department is continually monitoring the implementation of schemes and utilization of funds released to States. The details of funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred during the last three years under the above mentioned flagship schemes, is annexed.

(e): Among various other steps taken by the Government for development of agriculture include ensuring remunerative price to farmers for their produce; procurement of produce; ensure income security through insurance schemes; make institutional credit available to farmers at lowest affordable rate of interest; ensuring timely and hassle free credit to farmers; making available the results of various research in agriculture to farmers through media and extension programmes. Government is committed to provide full support and encouragement to farming community through various programmes and schemes.