

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASING POWER OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to increase the purchasing power of the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Government is implementing a number of plan schemes and programmes for the benefit of farmers and to make agriculture a viable vocation. National Policy for Farmers, 2007 aims to improve economic viability of farming by substantially increasing the net income of farmers.

National Food Security Mission and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana are two prominent flagship schemes at national level which are being implemented with objectives of ensuring targeted increase in food grains in the country and increasing public investment in agriculture & allied sectors as also to incentivize States to invest more to improve agricultural growth respectively. Other major programmes/schemes being implemented by Ministry includes National Horticulture Mission, National Mission on Micro Irrigation, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm & Maize, Macro Management of Agriculture, Technology Mission on Cotton, National Rainfed Area Authority, National Bamboo Mission, Integrated development of 60,000 pulses villages in rain-fed areas, extending Green Revolution to Eastern India, National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility and support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms.

Other measures taken by the Government for the benefit of farmers include enhancement in minimum support prices of agricultural commodities, increase in credit flow to agriculture sector, debt waiver/relief, interest subvention on crop loans, crop insurance etc.