

**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 Government monitors the implementation of various schemes/ programmes relating to agricultural reforms and conducts study to assess their impact regularly;
- (b) if so, the details of the shortcomings identified thereunder during the last three years;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to address the said shortcomings and the extent to which the said shortcomings have been addressed as a result thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government on the outcome of the said efforts?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Government is continuously monitoring the implementation of schemes/ programmes relating to agricultural reforms. Two major schemes of Ministry namely (i) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and (ii) National Food Security Mission introduced/ implemented during 11th Plan period for development of agriculture sector in the country have been reviewed and are continuing for implementation during 12th Plan. No major shortcoming have been noticed.

Due to special efforts under these schemes and encouraging response by the farmers to various initiatives of the Government there has been substantial increase in agricultural production. Steps are taken from time to time to address the concerns expressed by the stakeholders to make the schemes/ programmes more effective and farmers friendly. Government has intensified efforts for increasing production of food grains viz. rice, wheat, coarse grains and pulses by making appropriate interventions under various other schemes and programmes of the Department which include: ensuring remunerative prices 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.