

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance/grants to the States to boost agriculture and to achieve the targetted growth rate of four per cent in the farm sector to enhance its contribution to the Indian economy;
- (b) if so, the details of the Central grant proposed to be given to each State in this regard; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to revamp the agriculture sector?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. Government provides financial assistance/grants to the State Governments to boost agriculture under various schemes being implemented for increasing production and productivity in agriculture & allied sectors. Government has also enhanced plan outlay of agriculture to Rs.1,34,746 crore for XII Five Year Plan from Rs.61,528 crore in XI Five Year Plan. Important schemes/programmes under implementation at present are Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana; National Food Security Mission; National Horticulture Mission; Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States; National Mission on Micro Irrigation; Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm & Maize; Support to State Extension Programmes of Extension Reforms etc.

(b): An amount of Rs.21,609 crore has been approved for the year 2013-14. Out of this an amount of Rs.7390.54 crore has been released (up to 5.8.2013) under various schemes being implemented by the Department to the State Governments and implementing agencies as per their requirement and past performance for development of agriculture.

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