

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOW COST AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has developed low cost agricultural technology suitable for small holdings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the success achieved in the adoption of such technology by the farmers including small and marginal farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Several low cost hand tools, implements and machines have been developed at Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal and cooperating centres of All India Coordinated Research Projects in State Agricultural Universities. The indicative list of such equipment along with brief details is given in Annexure-I. Some of these technologies have also been provided to farm machinery manufacturing industry to multiply and sell them.

(c) These equipment have been shown/demonstrated to the farmers under various outreach activities like On Farm Trials, Front Line Demonstrations, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Kisan Melas, etc. and have been well received by them. A large number of prototypes have been supplied by Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering to different stakeholders during 2011-12 and 2012-13.