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AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed Centrally Sponsored Schemes meant for agricultural development in the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof including the deficiencies identified during the review scheme-wise; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government to ensure that the farmers get the benefit of these schemes?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Department are reviewed from time to time to assess their effectiveness and identify shortcomings and bottlenecks for remedial measures. Some of the suggestions/ deficiencies identified as a result of review were: generally low pace of expenditure in all North Eastern States, poor deployment of manpower due to less remuneration for the post of SMSs under Scheme of Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms; supply of quality planting material, focus on rejuvenation of senile orchards, training of farmers on latest technologies and creation of better infrastructure facilities for poor harvest management and marketing under the Scheme of National Horticulture Mission.

Two flagship schemes of the Ministry namely (i) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and (ii) National Food Security Mission introduced/ implemented during 11th Plan period for development of the agriculture in the country have been reviewed and are continuing for implementation during the 12th Plan period.

The suggestions/ deficiencies pointed out as a result of review have been taken care of in the restructured schemes. To avoid overlap and for more focused attention the 50 odd schemes of the Department have been restructured into five

Missions, five Schemes and one State Plan Scheme. The restructured schemes have been approved for implementation from the year 2014-15.

(c): Farmers are getting the benefit of the schemes which is evident from the record level of production of 250.29 million tones of foodgrains during the year 2012-13 as against a production of 218.10 million tones in the year 2009-10 and 244.49 million tones in 2010-11. Foodgrain production is expected to cross 259 million tones during 2013-14.

Among various various other steps taken by the Government for development of agriculture include ensuring remunerative price to farmers for their product; 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.