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DRY LAND FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated and sanctioned by the Government for promoting dry land farming in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT- wise;
- (b) the areas covered under dry land farming during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the incentives given to the farmers for dry land farming during the said period; and
- (d) the extent of success achieved in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): "Rainfed Area Development Programme (RADP)" was launched in the year 2011-12 as a sub-scheme under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to ensure agriculture growth in the rainfed/dryland areas. The scheme aims at improving quality of life of farmers' especially, small and marginal farmers by offering a complete package of activities to maximize farm returns. RADP focuses on Integrated Farming System (IFS) for enhancing productivity and minimizing risks associated with climatic variabilities. It seeks to harness efficiency of natural resources/assets/commodities by supporting location-specific farming systems. Apart from promoting crop specific farming systems, activities like construction of ponds, land development, water management are converged/supplemented to promote value addition through a sustainable farming system. The achievements made under RADP in the first two years and the allocation and releases made during the current year i.e., 2013-14 is annexed.