

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH OF AGRICULTURE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has launched any programme for inclusive growth of agriculture and allied sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the success achieved thereunder, so far; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): As about 85% of all landholdings in the country belong to small and marginal farmers, the schemes initiated by the Government for development of agriculture also cater to this segment of farming community in significant measure so as to lead to inclusive growth.

The main schemes/programmes implemented by the Government for the purpose 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, Oil Palm & Maize; Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms; Crop Insurance schemes; Rainfed Areas Development Programme (RADP); and Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern States (BGREI). There is an element of enhanced subsidy, wherever applicable, to the farmers belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and farmers of North-East and Himalayan States. Through Minimum Support Price (MSP), Government ensures that farmers get remunerative price for their produce from the Government.

Government has identified promotion and strengthening of Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs) as one of the key strategies to achieve inclusive growth during XII Plan period. Member-based FPOs are expected to provide greater bargaining power to producers, especially smallholders, and enable their integration in the value chain generating higher incomes and employment.

Agriculture sector has witnessed a turnaround in recent years. The growth rate of agriculture which was stagnating at around 2.45% during 9th and 10th Plan periods increased to 4.1% during 11th Plan period and is targeted at 4% for 12th Plan period.