

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented various agricultural schemes for development of agriculture and betterment of farmers in various States of the country including tribal and backward areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding slow growth problems being faced by farmers and availability of agriculture loans in the country and if so, outcome thereof;

(d) the details of the funds allocated and released for the implementation of the said schemes, State/UT-wise during the last three years and current year; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government for the welfare of farmers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a number of schemes viz. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission of Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Marketing (ISAM), Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Cooperation (ISAC), Integrated Scheme on Agri-Census & Statistics (ISAC&S), National Crop Insurance Programme (NCIP) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) for betterment of farmers in Various States of the country including tribal and backward areas.

(c): Government is taking necessary steps to increase agriculture production in order to achieve the targeted growth rate of 4%. Government is also providing crop loan up to a principal amount of Rs.3.00 lakh to farmers at 7% rate of interest. An additional 3% interest intervention, is provided to those farmers who repay their loans as per schedule. Thus, the effective rate of interest for such farmers becomes 4% p.a.

(d): A Statement indicating the funds allocated and released under various schemes, State/UT-wise, during the last three years and the current year is annexed.

(e): Four new schemes namely Soil Health Card (SHC), Price Stabilisation Fund for Cereals and Vegetables (PSFC&V), National Agri-Tech Infrastructure (NAI) and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) have also been introduced for implementation from the year 2014- 15.