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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NIAP) has undertaken any studies to promote agriculture in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the NIAP interventions in agricultural sector during 11th and 12th Plans;
- (c) whether any success has been noted by the NIAP in the field of sustainable development of agriculture in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) The National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NIAP) is mainly engaged in undertaking studies related to agricultural policies in the country. The Institute serves as a policy think tank and helps the Indian Council of Agricultural Research through credible research to actively participate in Policy debates and decision making and interpreting research impacts at various levels.

(b) The NIAP has contributed to promote agriculture in the country by taking up several studies. A glimpse of a few important ones carried out for the XI Plan Period is noted below:-

(i) Study to achieve four percent growth in agriculture during XI Plan, indicated the need and impact of accelerated momentum in fertilizer use, seed, irrigation, power supply and public investments in agriculture.

(ii) Study undertaken highlighted the contributions of public and private sectors in the total research spending in agriculture.

(iii) Analysis of linkages between infrastructure and agricultural development has indicated that transport, power, irrigation and research infrastructure affect farm productivity significantly.

(iv) A study on agricultural insurance has revealed that it has served a limited purpose in terms of area, number of farmers and value of agricultural output. Renewed efforts are required to be pursued by the Government in terms of designing appropriate mechanisms and providing financial support for agricultural insurance, including private sector insurers.

(v) Study on impact of foot and mouth disease control program revealed that economic loss would have been to the tune of about Rs. 1,100 crore, had there been no control program.

A number of studies to promote better agriculture in the country are underway at the NIAP in the areas of Technology Policy, Sustainable Agricultural System, Markets and trade, Agricultural Growth and Modelling and institutions.

(c) & (d): There has been sustained growth in production of wheat and cotton and many such crops after 2004-05.