

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to infuse funds for improvement of the infrastructure in rural areas in the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether `Indo-American Knowledge Initiative on Agricultural Research and Education` has devised a new framework for cooperation in agricultural research and development in order to facilitate entry of multi-national companies into the villages in India; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) is implementing a number of schemes namely Mission for 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), Secretariat Economic Service (SES) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY). Some of these schemes, inter-alia, focus on infrastructure related activities viz. establishment of cold storages, processing units, pack houses, pre-cooling units, controlled atmosphere storage, reefer vans, and setting up of ripening chambers under MIDH. Agriculture Marketing Infrastructure (AMI), a sub-component of ISAM, also provides for creation of agriculture marketing infrastructure including storage. Further, 35% of annual outlay of RKVY has been earmarked for infrastructure and assets.

(c) & (d): No new framework for cooperation based on agricultural research and development in order to facilitate multi-national companies into the villages in India has been devised.