

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any Scheme called ARYA (Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture
- (e) for promoting agriculture among the rural youth in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features of the Scheme?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Scheme ARYA has been recently sanctioned for the XII Plan period at a cost of Rs.100 Crores. It proposes a direct engagement of the National Agricultural Research System with potential rural youth. It aims to operate through selected Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the country and envisages supporting and guiding rural youth towards income generating technologies, services and enterprises, which are essentially required in the villages. The project proposes to provide technical and financial support to upscale /commercialize promising innovations that provide the required incentive to youth to remain in villages.