

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:5

ANSWERED ON:18.11.2002

GROWTH RATE IN FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the features of sustainable development model to enhance growth rate in foodgrain production as detailed by West Bengal Government which was highlighted in the World Development Report 2003 of the World Bank;

(b) whether the Government propose to advise other States to follow the steps taken by the West Bengal Government to achieve an enhanced growth rate in the foodgrain sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. DUE FOR REPLY ON 18TH NOVEMBER, 2002.

(a): The main feature of the sustainable development model highlighted in the World Development Report 2003 of the World Bank is recognition of share-croppers and enhancement of their benefits by providing security to their tenure and also making them eligible for bank credit and other such facilities. This along with other developmental efforts have resulted in higher growth rate in food grain production in West Bengal.

(b)&(c): Sustainable development and growth in food grain production is dependent on many factors like credit support, high yielding varieties of seeds, judicious use of inputs, water management, plant protection measures, better agronomic practices, improved agricultural implements and farm mechanization, extension services, etc. Proper crop rotation and better management practices along with land tenure system are also important for sustainable development. Land reforms and land tenure are State subjects. However, Government of India have been advising State Governments to take appropriate action for achieving sustainable development and optimum growth in food grain production. Various Central Sector and Centrally sponsored schemes are being implemented for sustainable development to enhance growth rate in food grain production.