

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FARMERS DEPENDENCE ON MONSOON
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to reduce farmers dependence on Monsoon and simultaneously develop infrastructure for irrigation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to formulate a Central Sector scheme tentatively titled `Enhancing Sustainability of Dryland Rainfed Farming System`. The scheme is at a conceptual stage. The details of the scheme are being worked out. However, some of the components being considered under the scheme are (i) On-farm rain water management, (ii) Well recharging systems, (iii) Alternate land use systems, etc.