

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POLICY FOR PER HECTARE YIELD OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed/worked out measures/methods to increase the per hectare yield of various foodgrains in the country;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to bring awareness among the farmers to use such methods?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. For increasing per hectare yield of cereals under specific crop based systems, the Central Government has been implementing Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems areas (ICDP-Rice), Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Wheat Based Cropping Systems areas (ICDP-Wheat), Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems areas (ICDP- Coarse Cereals) under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) along with other schemes subsumed under MMA. Another Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) which is being implemented for increasing per hectare yield of these crops.

The Central Government supports various schemes for creating awareness among farmers on modern crop management methods. Agri-Clinic and Agri- Business Centres provide extension services to farmers . Scheme on Mass Media Support to Agriculture and Kisan Call Centres is also implemented by Central Government. Kisan Call Centres operate through toll free lines throughout country to provide expert advise to farmers. Mass Media Support to Agriculture is focusing on use of Doordarshan infrastructure for providing related information and knowledge to farming community.