

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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INCENTIVES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme for providing economic incentive to private sector has been implemented by the Government for speedy development and expansion in agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme and the institutes in private sector which have been benefited under this scheme, till date; and
- (c) the amount of incentive that has been sanctioned to these institutes till now?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Mid Term Appraisal of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002 – 07) has emphasized on public private partnership in the development of agriculture, and the need to encourage private investment in agriculture to supplement the public investment. Areas in which the private sector plays an important role include horticulture development, development of agricultural marketing infrastructure, development of storage facilities, seed production and distribution, provision of extension services. Need based economic incentive in the form of back-ended subsidy or otherwise is being provided to the private sector in some of these areas which include horticulture development, provision of extension services through the scheme of agri-clinic and agri-business, setting up of marketing infrastructure, post-harvest infrastructure like rural godowns, cold storage units and processing units.