

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has reduced the number of centrally sponsored scheme relating to agriculture during the Tenth Five Year Plan in comparison to Ninth Five Year Plan ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;
- (c) Whether any assessment has been made about the likely impact of the said move on the beneficiaries including small and marginal farmers and other weaker section in rural areas; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the details of the current welfare schemes in the field of agriculture, animal husbandry, dairying and agriculture research separately ?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d) : Yes, Sir. In pursuance of detailed exercise under zero based budgeting and with a view to bringing about convergence between Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes, the number of Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented during the Ninth Five Year Plan was reduced during the Tenth Five Year Plan. This restructuring of schemes did not result in any reduction in funding of the programmes for development of agriculture sector.

There are, at present, nine Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely,

- (1) Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA);
- (2) Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm, Maize (ISOPOM);
- (3) Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC);
- (4) National Horticulture Mission;
- (5) Technology Mission for integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern Region including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal;
- (6) Micro Irrigation;
- (7) Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms;
- (8) Improvement of Agricultural Statistics and
- (9) Agriculture Census under implementation in the agriculture sector. In addition, two new Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, National Mission on Bamboo Technology & Trade Development and Jute Technology Mission have very recently been approved for implementation.

In the area of animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries, there are presently eight Centrally Sponsored schemes, namely,

- (1) National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breed;
- (2) National Project for improvement of Poultry and Small Animals;
- (3) Intensive Dairy Development Project & Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production;
- (4) Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture; (5) Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure & Post Harvest Operation;
- (6) Welfare Programme for Fishermen and Training and Extension including HRD;

(7) Livestock Health; and

(8) Livestock Insurance under implementation.

There does not exist at present any Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the area of agriculture research. However, there are other schemes under which agricultural research is funded and promoted.