

Committee of Excellence is being processed in which a number of proposals have been made which are under active consideration. One of the proposals relates to removal of subsidy on the postal services over a period of 5 years because the Committee felt that until the Department can generate adequate resources, it may not be able to make the required investments in modernisation.

(b) Some proposals made by the Committee relating to introduction of technology are under consideration.

(c) The steps that are being taken to improve the postal services during the current financial year are to optimise the use of existing assets and resources and improve the working to the extent, we receive the co-operation of the staff in improving productivity. To reduce the dis-satisfaction of the staff, a few proposals to improve the terms and conditions are under consideration.

Increasing Agricultural Productivity in Rajasthan

181. SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive and prospective plan for improving the agricultural productivity in Rajasthan suiting its geographical conditions have been formulated; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the draft comprehensive Agricultural Development Project formulated and submitted by Govt. of Rajasthan are given in the attached statement. The proposal is being examined.

STATEMENT*Comprehensive Agricultural Development Project formulated and Submitted by Govt. of Rajasthan Programme and Total cost*

Sl.No.	Name of the Programme	Cost (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3
1.	Soyabean production	456.60
2.	Popularisation of MEHANDI Plantation	103.75
3.	Popularisation of TUMBA-an oil crop	241.25
4.	Popularisation of ISABGOL-a medicinal plant	169.50
5.	Fodder production, Agro Forestry/Silvipasture Development programme	2204.00
6.	Reclamation of problem soils	3820.17
7.	Upgradation of Agriculture Extension Training Centre, Durgapura, Jaipur	235.90
8.	Agriculture Information Organisation	361.12
9.	Intensive Horticulture Development Programme	7484.85

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1	2	3
10.	Water Development	2132.80
11.	Ground water exploration, development & management	1203.81
12.	Extension of Rajasthan State Seeds Corporation	903.37
13.	Production credit & agriculture marketing through Cooperatives	15771.70
14.	Integrated Cattle Development	4443.40
15.	Intensive Sheep Development Programme	1800.00
16.	Inland Fisheries Development	695.00
17.	Community Lift Irrigation	4975.00
	Total :	47002.22