

- To help provide rural milk producers with greater access to the organised milk-processing sector.

(c) and (d) National Dairy Plan Phase-I envisages an investment comprising of Rs.1584 crore as credit from International Development Association (IDA), a subsidiary of World Bank and Government of India share of Rs.176 crore.

#### **Training of farmers to increase production**

1271. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the plan Government has adopted by provide improved high yield variety seeds and fertilizers to small scale farmers in the country to increase their crop-yield;

(b) whether Government has any plan to provide tools and also training programmes to farmers to increase farming production at the local level; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) To increase the crop yield in the country, the Government is providing assistance for improved High Yield Variety Seeds to all the farmers including small farmers under various crop development schemes which are implemented through State Governments as under:

- i. National Food Security Mission (NFSM).
- ii. Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).
- iii. Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM).
- iv. Technology Mission on Cotton.
- v. Technology Mission on Jute and Mesta.
- vi. Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds.
- vii. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).
- viii. National Horticulture Mission (NHM).

- ix. Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH).
- x. Mega Seed Project (Indian Council for Agricultural Research).

The Department of Fertilizers facilitates availability of all subsidized fertilizers viz., Urea, Di-Ammonium Phosphate, Muriate of Potash, Single Super phosphate and various grades of complex fertilizers, micro nutrients, rhizobium culture, phosphate solubilising bacteria, gypsum/pyrite/liming/dolomite to the farmers as per requirement irrespective of their land holding.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government is providing financial assistance to farmers including small farmers for agricultural tools and machinery under different schemes like Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) etc. Also, training programmes to farmers is imparted under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms" known as ATMA in Agriculture and Allied Areas. In order to disseminate information on improved crop production technologies amongst the farmers, block demonstrations and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) demonstrations are organized through State Department of Agriculture and Front Line Demonstrations (FLD) through Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

#### **Reduction of Centrally Sponsored Schemes**

1272. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry which is currently running over 50 Centrally sponsored schemes under 19 major themes, has decided to run only eight major schemes in the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the decision to reduce the number of Centrally sponsored schemes; and
- (c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is currently implementing 53 schemes for development of agriculture and has taken up with the Planning Commission for restructuring of these existing schemes.