

In the overall interest of the nation and to ensure that projects are completed in time without cost overrun, lot of monitoring is done in Railways at various levels (field level, divisional level, zonal level and Board level) and regular meetings are held with the officials of State Government and concerned authorities to resolve the pending issues obstructing the progress of projects.

To ensure that projects are completed even before time, Railway has adopted the concept of incentives to the contractor in the form of bonus clause in contracts which will further enhance the pace of execution of projects.

For important projects, capacity enhancement projects, last mile connectivity etc. institutional financing has been done by arranging loan of ₹1.5 lakh crore, which has increased Railways' capacity for committed fund provision for essential projects.

Facilities to farmers of border areas

*369. SARDAR SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any additional facilities are being provided to farmers of the border areas touching Pakistan who lost their crops in the firing from across the border; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) Ministry of Home Affairs is implementing Border Area Development Programme (BADP) which supports for development of community-based infrastructure including Agriculture and allied sector in border areas of the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir touching Pakistan.

Besides BADP, Centrally Sponsored Schemes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Crop Diversification Programme (CDP), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR), Sub Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM), etc are implemented by the concerned states in different districts including border districts touching Pakistan to increase production and productivity of field crops. These interventions covers all farmers of the border areas touching Pakistan without any specificity of loss of crops due to firing.