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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 503
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07/02/2025

STEPS TO ENCOURAGE MULTI-CROPPING

503. SHRI GOLLA BABURAO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any initiative to encourage farmers for multi-cropping;
- (b) if so, the details thereof if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any studies have been undertaken on the advantages of multi-cropping in the country;
- (d) the details of budgetary allocation and amount utilized during the last four years; and
- (e) whether Government has special plans for promotion of multi-cropping in the country, especially for Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (e): Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing Rainfed Area Development (RAD) Programme under Pradhan Mantri-Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) across the country including Andhra Pradesh.

RAD programme aims at prompting Integrated Farming System with emphasis on multi-cropping, rotational cropping, inter-cropping, mixed-cropping practices with allied activities like horticulture, livestock, fishery, plantation, apiculture, etc. to enable farmers not only in maximizing the farm returns for sustaining livelihood, but also to mitigate the impact of drought, flood or other extreme weather events which are occurring frequently due to climate change. The details of allocation and release of funds under RAD programme during the last four years is as under:

(Rs. In Crore)

Year	Allocation	Release
2020-21	199.65	127.89
2021-22	178.40	76.83
2022-23	200.15	108.20
2023-24	245.83	164.59

Indian Council of Agricultural Research, through ICAR-Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research, Modipuram undertakes extensive research (on-station research) and technology validation through farmers' participatory research (on-farm research) on cropping systems under All India Coordinated Research Project - Integrated Farming Systems (AICRP-IFS) in 25 States/Union Territory with the participation of 34 State Agricultural Universities and 1 Central University. A study on "Identification of cropping system module for different farming system" has been conducted at 36 locations through AICRP on Integrated Farming Systems. Under All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP), one centre at Maruteru in West Godavari district and on-farm research centre at Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh are working under AICRP on Integrated Farming systems for development and refinement of multi-cropping for Andhra Pradesh.