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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 384**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2025

**PROMOTION OF CROP DIVERSIFICATION IN SEMI-ARID DISTRICTS**

384. SHRI DHARAMBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is promoting crop diversification in semi-arid districts like Mahendragarh and Biwani;
- (b) if so, the schemes under which the support is being extended to farmers;
- (c) whether any awareness programmes have been conducted to train farmers on low-water-requirement crops;
- (d) the details of incentives available for shifting from traditional crops like wheat and paddy to pulses, millets and oilseeds; and
- (e) whether the State of Haryana has submitted any district-specific proposals for inclusion in such programmes?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (e): The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing the Crop Diversification Programme (CDP) under the Pradhan Mantri - Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) in the Original Green Revolution States namely Haryana, Punjab and western Uttar Pradesh to divert the area of water intensive paddy crop to alternative crops like pulses, oilseeds, coarse cereals, nutri-cereals, cotton. In Haryana state, 10 districts namely Ambala, Yamuna Nagar, Karnal, Kaithal, Jind, Fatehabad, Sirsa, Panipat, Kurukshetra and Sonapat have been covered under the Crop Diversification Programme. Under CDP, assistance is given for alternative crop demonstration, farm mechanization and value addition, site specific activities and for awareness, training etc.

Further, Government of India is supplementing the efforts of state governments to encourage farmers to grow less water intensive crops such as pulses, coarse cereals, nutri cereals (Shree Anna) under National Food Security & Nutrition Mission (NFSNM), oilseeds under National Mission on Edible Oil (NMEO)-Oilseeds, horticultural crops under Mission for Integrated Development of horticulture (MIDH). The Government of India also provides flexibility to the states for state specific needs/priorities under Pradhan Mantri – Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY). The states can promote crop diversification under PM-RKVY with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC).

Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Scheme is under Implementation across the country since 2005 aimed at creating awareness among large number of farmers about new technologies. District-specific proposals has not been received from State Government of Haryana by DA&FW under CDP.

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