



LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT
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Shri **P.C. Gaddigoudar**, M.P. and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture (2020-21), presented the Twenty Fourth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2021-22) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare) to Lok Sabha today, the 09 March, 2021.

Some of the important recommendations of the Committee are as under:

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| Analysis of Demands | <p>While recognizing the role Agriculture plays in India's Economy and the fact that the allocation for the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare for the BE 2021-22 is less than the allocation made for BE 2020-21, the Committee have recommended the Department to take up the issue of enhancement in allocations to the Department with the Ministry of Finance and also to fully utilize the allocated funds for achieving the targets and effective implementation of various Schemes and Programmes – in order to achieve the aim of doubling the income of Farmers by 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.1</p> |
| Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) - Per Drop More Crop | <p>Recognizing the importance of Precision/Micro Irrigation Methods such as Drip/Sprinkler Irrigation in Indian Agriculture due to scarcity of water and taking note of doubling of corpus of Micro Irrigation Fund to provide impetus to the Micro Irrigation in the Country, the Committee have desired the Department to enhance the level of utilization of funds under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana - Per Drop More Crop – in a time bound manner to achieve more area coverage under the Micro Irrigation in the Country.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.7</p> |
| Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) | <p>The Committee have recommended the Department to make sincere efforts to properly implement and achieve the target fixed under the 'New Scheme on Formation</p> |

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| | <p>and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations', as its proper implementation will not only help in augmenting income of the farmers but also considerably improve the rural economy and create job opportunities for rural youths in village itself.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.9</p> |
| <p>Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)</p> | <p>While appreciating the creation of a new Central Sector Scheme 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)' to provide medium – long term debt financing facility for investment in viable Projects for Post-harvest Management Infrastructure and Community Farming Assets through Interest Subvention and financial support, the Committee have recommended the Department to implement the Scheme properly to achieve the desired aim of creation of infrastructure at the Farm Gate. The Committee have also recommended the Department to plan for creation of requisite Farm Gate Infrastructure in all Regions of the Country so as to avoid concentration of Projects in a particular Region.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Recommendation No.10</p> |