

Keeping in view the dependence of a large populace of the state on Agriculture, horticulture, agriculture, animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries and cooperatives being encouraged : Chief Minister

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Chief Minister along with the Union Minister for Agriculture, Cooperatives and Farmer Welfare reviews the schemes related to agriculture, cooperatives, animal husbandry and fisheries

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji has said that a major part of the states population is dependent on agriculture and hence his government has started to encourage agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries and cooperatives to work towards doubling the income of the farmers in the state. He further informed about the land for the 20 new Krishi Vigyan Kendra being provided and said that now work will be expedited to establish these, so that regional and local farmers can be benefited.

The Chief Minister was today holding a review meeting along with Mr. Radha Mohan Singh, the Union Minister for Agriculture, Cooperatives and Farmer Welfare about the schemes related to agriculture, cooperatives, animal husbandry and fisheries at the Lok Bhawan.

Yogi Adityanath ji requested the Union Minister for financially strengthening the Krishi Vigyan Kendras that already exist and to ensure that scientists and employees posted here are not transferred elsewhere. He also directed the Principal Secretary to ensure that to provide good quality seeds to

the farmers, priority should be accorded for purchase of foundation seeds from the agriculture universities, farmer development centers and Seed Corporations.

Yogi ji further said that in the past few years, proper attention has not been provided to the agriculture sector and irrigation and said that productivity had suffered, specially in the Bundelkhand region due to paucity of adequate irrigation, storage and marketing facilities. He also informed that for better irrigation facility in Bundelkhand region, 3,384 *khet talabs* were being constructed and efforts were underway to effectively implement the National Agriculture Market, run by the central government. Under this, he informed, efforts were being done to online connect 66 mandi's. Arrangements would also be made, the Chief Minister added to connect Uttar Pradesh to the National Agriculture Market through the inter-mandi trade. For this, the state government was seriously contemplating a relaxation in the registration fees for farmers.

The Chief Minister has also informed that instructions have been issued to effectively implement Consolidated Horticulture Development Scheme and that the state government was implementing the support price regime effectively to ensure that that the farmers gets proper price for his produce. In pursuance to this, the present state government was purchasing wheat from farmers through wheat purchase centers.

Keeping in view the problems faced by potato growers, for the first time under the market intervention scheme, approximately 13,000 quintals of potatoes has been purchased. After this, the wholesale price of potatoes in the state has seen a steep hike of Rs. 100 per quintal which has directly benefited the potato growers. Deliberating on the animal husbandry sector in the state, the Chief Minister said that other than schemes run from its finances, the state was working to effectively implement Central Government's National Gokul Gram Scheme. Under this, this year alone 3 centers will be established, of which one would be in the Bundelkhand region. In the same way, through the insemination techniques, the cow clan was being increased with quality. The Chief Minister informed that instructions have been given to officials to implement this scheme in a transparent manner.

During the review meeting, the Union Agriculture Minister Mr. Radha Mohan Singh informed that under the consolidated cooperatives development scheme, in the year 2015, Rs. 401 crore was approved for the state, of which Rs. 257 crore was released but no progress report was given to the central government after

which the Chief Minister directed officials to give factual details on this and observed that the state of cooperatives in the state was not good. He also called for an effective action plan to reverse the situation for better.

Yogi ji also requested the union agriculture minister to extend all possible help by the centre to assimilate technology in the agriculture sector and stressed on the need to step up efforts to encourage modern farming by setting up of five farm machinery testing and training institutes in the state. With this, a request was also made for setting up of five seed test labs, availability of two-two modern plants in the 25 new soil testing labs, establishing 100 Farmer Welfare Centers and setting up of international level research centers for paddy and wheat.

Yogi ji also made a request to the union minister for setting up of five centers of excellence and to approve schemes sent for honey bee breeding. With this, he also requested for establishing of a classified insemination lab in Sperm production center in Babugarh, Hapur. A request for Rs. 2697 crore was also made to encourage milk production in Poorvanchal and Bundelkhand in the next five years, Rs. 225 crore for computerization of initial loan committees, Rs. 11.50 crore for computerization of 323 branches of the UP Cooperative Rural Development Banks.

The Chief Minister also said that to make the Prime Minister Crop Insurance Scheme a big success in the state, efforts would be made to include more and more farmers into its ambit. Tenders would also be invited to encourage use of smartphones. In the same manner, soil health card would also be encouraged and implemented effectively. He also issued directions to assimilate all the 271 dark zones in the state under the PM Agriculture Irrigation Scheme's micro irrigation plans and said this would lead to conservation of underground water and also increase the productivity of farmers.

Reviewing the schemes related to agriculture, cooperatives, animal husbandry and fisheries, the union minister said that in the past three years, the central funds were not used completely by the state and said if the schemes run by the Government of India were implemented timely and effectively, the economic condition of farmers would drastically improve in the state. The minister also assured of all cooperation for a big state like Uttar Pradesh. Also present at the meeting were ministers of the state government and officials from both the central and the state governments.

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