

d. Limitation in Agriculture in Rajasthan:

Total cropped area in the state is 206.22lac ha. Rainfall is highly inadequate, 61% of area is in arid and semi-arid tracts where soil has poor fertility, low water holding capacity, high infiltration rate, 12lac ha area is either saline or alkaline, crops suffer from high temperature and wind effect, limited availability of ground water, limited spread of retail outlets for agriculture input, limited power supply, lack of PHM and processing facility, low farm mechanization.

12. Reference: Chapter 7; Agriculture production

Drought Mitigation Programme in Rajasthan:

2009-10 was one of the most drought affected year which severely affected crop production in Kharif crops resulting in acute shortage of fodder for the large cattle population in the State. Hence, Department of Agriculture took up special programme to mitigate drought and help small and marginal farmers and other general farmer whose farm economy has been adversely affected due to low and irregular rainfall pattern in the State during Kharif 2009 season. Some special programme taken through

RKVY funds are as under:

- ✓ Massive fodder cultivation in rabi and zaid where irrigation facility available- 10lac minikits to be provided free of cost to farmers with expected coverage 1.00 lac ha area under fodder crops.
- ✓ Construction of 1000 diggias (water storage tanks), 2000 farm pond and 1200 water harvesting structure envisaged on subsidy from RKVY funds.
- ✓ Promotion of gypsum use as nutrient for pulses & oilseeds by keeping uniform price of gypsum throughout the state.
- ✓ Special camps were organized to provide vaccination, mineral mixture & de-worming medicines for animals- relevance for Rajasthan as livestock support livelihoods to farmers particularly in Western Rajasthan.
- ✓ Bajra & Ground nut seed production in State itself as seed availability from Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat not assured due to drought situation in those States also.

12. Reference: Chapter 7; Agriculture production

e. Organization of Camps (Krishi Yojanaen Aapke Dwar) :-

For better delivery of extension services and for providing incentives under various schemes to farmers in quick way and to ensure transparency in delivery of services, the Department of Agriculture is implementing "Krishi Yojanaen Aapke Dwar". During the year 2010-11, camps at Gram Panchayat level will be organized in rabi season and some special orientation and review camps will also be organized at Division and State level.

12. Reference: Chapter 7; Agriculture production