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Union agriculture minister has urged initiatives towards bringing Green Revolution and increasing agriculture productivity to eastern region

Inaugurating a workshop on "Agriculture Scenario in Eastern India, Review and Future Prospects", in Pusa, New Delhi on April 06, Mr Singh said that proper care has to be taken by balanced usage of fertilisers in bringing 2nd Green revolution, particularly in eastern region of the country. He emphasised that indiscriminate use of the urea and chemical fertilisers may be avoided. He underlined the importance of organic farming taking into consideration the ecological aspects.

Agriculture minister said that for the first time, soil health card is being implemented in Mission Mode and every farmer of the country will be provided with Soil health card in next three years and they will be empowered with complete details about soil nutrient for effective crop management.

Mr Singh emphasised for making available high quality seeds and agriculture plantation material to farmers for increasing productivity. He said that Front Line extension and Field extension of agriculture should work in synergy. He said that Agricultural Technology Management Agency should play an important role in this respect.

During the Program, he emphasized on the initiatives of the Central Government like the Soil Health Management System, Soil testing laboratories, 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana', Unified National Agriculture Market and 'Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana'. He said that increasing productivity is important along with proper marketing facilities for the agricultural crops. He emphasised that districts in the country have an important role during the planning and implementing initiatives like 'Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana'. He said that Prime Minister vision of 'Per Drop More Crop' can be realized by proper coordination between the Centre and the States. During his address, he urged the Small Farmers' Agriculture-Business Consortium to support farmers and formation of more 'Farmer Producer Organization' for the development of farmers.

Present on the occasion were secretary, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, additional secretary and financial advisor, joint secretaries along with senior officials of state governments and experts from agriculture sector.