HIMACHAL PRADESH JICA AGRICULTURE PROJECT-II

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Hon'ble MP Anurag Sharma Reviews Progress of Project in Kangra district



Baijnath, September 9: Hon'ble Member of Rajya Sabha Shri Anurag Sharma reviewed the progress of the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project-II, JICA-ODA, with special reference to District Kangra.

The review of the project activities was guided by Dr. Yoginder Paul Kaushal, District Project Manager, Palampur, who briefed the Hon'ble MP on the progress of various interventions being implemented under the JICA-assisted project. He informed that 104 sub-projects are currently being implemented across Kangra and Chamba districts, providing irrigation systems in 4,000 hectares of CCA.

Appreciating the progress and initiatives under HPCDP Phase-II, Shri Anurag Sharma lauded the efforts being made through the JICA-assisted project towards strengthening the agricultural sector, promoting crop diversification and improving the livelihoods of farmers in Himachal Pradesh. The project team accompanying the visiting dignitary included Shri Rajnish Sharma, Subject Matter Specialist, and Shri Amit Bhushan, Block Project Manager, Palampur, were also present during the review meeting.

The Hon'ble MP also put forward proposals for certain development-oriented schemes and directed the project authorities to examine their technical and operational feasibility and explore the possibility of their implementation under the project, as per applicable provisions. Shri Anurag Sharma emphasized the importance of effective implementation, timely completion and optimal utilization of project interventions, ensuring that the benefits of the project reach farmers at the grassroots level and contribute meaningfully to sustainable agricultural development.

Dr. Kaushal highlighted the key interventions being undertaken under the project, including agricultural infrastructure development, irrigation-related interventions, farmer support activities, crop diversification and livelihood promotion. He also apprised the Hon'ble MP of the efforts being made to enhance agricultural productivity, strengthen farming systems and improve the income potential and livelihoods of farming communities.