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The union agriculture minister, Mr Radha Mohan Singh has underlined the importance of fundamentals of agricultural growth for the development of country as he mentioned improved soil health, high productive seeds, modern agriculture practices and best practices, effective irrigation facilities, water to every agricultural land, apt marketing facility for agricultural produce are essential points for development of agriculture as a whole.

Mr Singh was presenting his views at an event "Agri@8%- Challenges and Way out" organized by The Associated Chambers of Commerce of India (ASSOCHAM) in New Delhi on January 15, 2015.

Various discussion points during the programme included efficient system of agricultural production and agricultural productivity; storage and distribution of food products; soil mapping, efficient water management; increasing yield and variety of crops; traditional farming; awareness building among farmers; balanced use of fertilisers; organic farming among a number of perspectives presented by the presenters.

Mr Singh emphasised the need to create awareness among farmers about best practices in the agriculture sector. He urged students and scientist fraternity from agriculture to create awareness among farmers of atleast one village of their hometown about various initiatives in agriculture with the theme of "Mera Gaon, Mera Gaurav". He also mentioned that there are approximately 20,000 scientist and 50,000 students from agriculture, who are graduate or PhD's of agriculture.

The function was jointly organised by ministry of agriculture, ministry of food processing industries, department of science and technology, department of biotechnology, government of Bihar and NABARD.