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Agriculture Cabinet

The Chief Minister Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan has set two targets in the agriculture sector - first to make it a profitable profession and another to convert the state from chemical to bio farming. Himself a farmer Mr. Chouhan has not created a sub-committee of the ministry which will be known as "Krishi Cabinet". Some 12 ministers of 34 portfolios are associated with it, which are concerned directly or indirectly with the agriculture.

The State has a vast areas under the cover of agriculture and forests. Both are of very great national importance and need special care. The Krishi Cabinet is a step in that direction. The state is already at the top in the soybean production and now it is lead-

ing in the production of pulses. The wheat is bumper crop and its quality is considered in best category in mandis.

But state is behind in irrigation potential, it is just 34-35 per cent. The Mini Cabinet must ensure that there is 100 per cent field irrigation. The Narmada Valley Projects are giving boost in this direction. But there are as many areas still not having irrigation facilities.

The shortage of Power is another impediment. The Chief Minister Mr. Chouhan has already made a resolve to provide power for all the agricultural fields by the year 2013.

The recent happening is the world has established that agriculture is the real base of the economy of any nation.