

Cong never implemented Swaminathan report: Govt

New Delhi: Agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh on Friday attacked Congress party for ignoring farmers during its rule and asserted that his government has taken a number of steps to boost their income.

The minister also said that the Congress government did not take any step to implement the recommendations made in the 2006 Swaminathan report.

“Today, Congress has realised that our country is an agriculture-based economy. It should give an answer why its government was apathetic towards farmers for many years,” Singh said in a statement amid the farmers’ protest in the Capital where thousands of farmers from across the country gathered to press for their demands.

The minister said that the Modi government, in the last four and a half years,



has taken a number of steps for the growth of farmers and the overall agriculture sector. He highlighted that the government has announced e-NAM programme to electronically link all 545 wholesale mandies across the country, besides launching new crop insurance scheme, sharp rise in MSPs, soil-health card, 100% neem coating of urea and completion of 99 stuck irrigation

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projects, among others.

Singh said the government has also made changes in rules to provide higher compensation to farmers in case of natural calamities.

The minister said the Congress-ruled government did not pay attention to allied sectors like animal husbandry, while the current government has made positive efforts for the development of dairy and poultry. PTI