

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WORLD FOOD DAY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the theme of this year's World Food Day; and
- (b) the steps Government propose to take to achieve the desired target of this theme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

- (a) The theme of this year's World Food Day is 'A Millennium Free from Hunger'.
- (b) The Government of India is giving high priority to the development of agriculture and ensuring a growth in agricultural production and productivity through several Central and State sponsored programmes/schemes; agricultural research on various crops; development of high yielding varieties; resource management; integrated nutrient; pest and water management; dissemination of improved farming techniques through the National Extension System. The Government of India has recently announced the National Agricultural Policy which stresses on full exploitation of untapped agricultural growth potential, strengthening of rural infrastructure, value addition, growth of agro-business, generation of employment in rural areas etc.