

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of diploma holders/degree holders and post graduate degree holders of different agricultural universities/institutes of the country are facing the problem of unemployment due to lack of adequate job opportunities in this sector;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have prepared any action-plan to provide ample job opportunities in agriculture sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) As per the information collected from most of the State Agricultural Universities/Institutes, very many of the diploma holders/graduates and post-graduates have to wait six months to three years to get a suitable employment in Government sector/private section in their respective fields of specialization.
- (b) & (c): The Government of India is considering a scheme to have a new extension system through private ventures to be set up by unemployed agriculture graduates who will provide services to the farmers on payment basis. The ventures are proposed to be set up through bank financing.