

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4245
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US FARM BILL
ANANDRAO ADSUL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the US Farm Bill of 2002 has incorporated many new provisions which are likely to depress global commodity prices and affect the exports of developing countries including India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this bill has been examined by Union Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and to what extent it may affect India; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to meet the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): Under the US Farm Security and Rural Investment Act 2002, the support to various agricultural commodities is sought to be provided. Reports are indicating that assistance stipulated under US Farm Bill may have a price depressing effect on world markets. This may have a negative effect on the exports of developing countries.

India in its negotiating proposals filed with the WTO has already demanded substantial reductions in domestic support and elimination of export subsidies by the developed countries within a limited period.