

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:936
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WAVING OF REPAYMENT OF CROP LOANS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have announced waiving of repayment of crop loans and interest thereon for farmers and also some other concessions and welfare schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the date since when these schemes are likely to be implemented and the number of farmers to be covered thereunder;
- (d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (e) the benefits which the farmers are likely to get as a result thereof?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b): No, Sir. However, some credit related relief measures such as rephasing/re-schedulement of Short-term loan, postponement of instalment of Long-term credit, advancement of fresh crop loans etc. have been announced.
- (c): The credit relief measures to all the farmers affected by recent drought situation i.e. Kharif 2002, have been provided.
- (d): No firm figures of likely expenditure are yet available.
- (e): The farmers will get the following benefits:-
 - The current dues of the farmers would be postponed.
 - The affected farmers would be eligible for taking fresh loans.
 - Instalments payable by the farmers for long-term credit would be postponed.