

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2161
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REPORT OF S.P. GUPTA COMMITTEE
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government have received the report of Shri S.P. Gupta Committee constituted by the Planning Commission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this report has suggested to remove all kinds of restrictions imposed on agricultural products in the Tenth Plan; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): It deals with different programmes and policies aimed at creating employment opportunities for fifty million persons covering different sectors including agriculture sector during the Tenth Plan. The committee interacted with various ministries and attempted to recommend appropriate macro and sectoral policies and programmes in specific areas needed to generate the aforesaid employment during the Tenth Plan. The basic objective is to absorb all new entrants to the labour force over the Tenth Plan period by gainful, high quality employment, and to remove unemployment by the turn of this decade.

(c) & (d): The report suggested removal of all restrictions on movement of agricultural produce through a central legislation. It also suggested removal of all restrictions and licensing of processing of agricultural produce. Work for implementing the recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee has already been initiated by the Planning Commission in consultation with the concerned Ministries / Departments.