

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FARM SUBSIDY BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have appealed to the developed countries with regard to lifting of farm subsidies;
- (b) if so, the response received from the developed countries; and
- (c) the effects of the non-acceptance of request on the Indian farming community?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The mandate to negotiate agreed at the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) held in Doha in November, 2001, provides for comprehensive negotiations in agriculture aimed at, inter alia, substantial reductions in trade-distorting domestic support and reductions of, with a view to phasing out all forms of export subsidies.

In order to correct and prevent distortions in world agricultural markets, in the negotiations being conducted under this mandate, India, in its comprehensive proposals has sought, among other things, substantial reduction of all trade-distorting support by developed countries.

The negotiations are scheduled to be concluded by 1st January, 2005.