

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1055  
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REFORMS IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether his ministry has urged the State Governments for undertaking reforms in agriculture sector including in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) mechanism;
- (b) if so, whether the ministry held any meeting with the representatives of State Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the extent to which the State Governments have agreed with the Central Government's proposal; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to provide proper guidance and support in terms of technology and infrastructure to farmers?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (d): Government of India in consultation with State Government from time to time introduces reforms in Agriculture Sector including Minimum Support Price (MSP) mechanism for enhancement of Agricultural production and productivity. In pursuance to this objective, regular meetings, conferences, discussions are held with the State Governments periodically. The State Government have undertaken a series of reforms in the agriculture.
- (e): For dissemination of Information & Technology, the farmers are guided through extension net work, trainings, visits, media demonstrations, trade fairs etc. Government is also keenly pursuing various policies for development of infrastructure in rural areas including power, irrigation, transport and communication, construction of godowns, cold storages, provision of marketing facilities.