

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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REDUCTION IN STAFF STRENGTH OF DMS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any scheme to reduce the staff strength of D.M.S.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): There is no specific scheme to reduce the staff strength of D.M.S. However, in terms of Department of Personnel and Training OM No. 2/8/2001-EIS dated 16.5.2002, which provides for optimization of direct recruitment to civilians posts, only 1/3rd of the posts falling in direct recruitment quota or 1 percent of the total strength of the Department, whichever is less, are to be filled up.