

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FARMERS .  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Commission on Farmers have submitted its report to the Government;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Commission in regard to reforms in agriculture sector;
- (c) whether the Commission has recommended for setting up Indian Trade Organizations on the Lines of World Trade Organization and declare the year 2006-07 as the year of Agricultural renewal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Commission and address the issues of small farmers, women in farming and the landless labourers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e): The National Commission on Farmers has so far submitted three Interim Reports to the Government.

The First Interim Report titled `Serving Farmers and Saving Farming` deals with integrated life saving support programme for farm families facing acute distress, productivity and livelihood enhancement in rainfed areas, a new deal for women in agriculture, strengthening and expanding the horticulture revolution, enhancing productivity, quality and global competitiveness of cotton, sustaining and expanding trade of farm commodities and its sanitary and phytosanitary dimensions, village as knowledge centre, food and nutrition security and livestock and livelihoods. The report also covers rehabilitation and alleviation of fishermen and farm families from distress due to TSUNAMI, empowerment of community based organizations and Panchayati Raj institutions and administrative initiatives like creation of a Gram Panchayat Mahila Fund for women.

The Second Interim Report titled `Serving Farmers and Saving Farming – Crisis to Confidence` deals with food for all, fish for all, enhancing productivity, profitability, stability and sustainability of Hill agro ecosystem, Arid agro ecosystem, Coastal zone agriculture and Mission for the prosperity of sugarcane farmers, conservation, cultivation and marketing of medicinal plants, organic farming, bio-fuels and agricultural market reforms.

The Third Interim Report titled `Serving Farmers and Saving Farming-2006: Year of Agricultural Renewal` deals with 2006-07 as year of agricultural renewal, strengthening agricultural research: towards science led evergreen revolution, towards an Indian single market and Technology missions.

In its Third Interim Report submitted to the Government recently, the National Commission on Farmers has recommended for the establishment of an Indian Trade Organization (ITO) on WTO model, which would help build a long term memory system in relation to home and external trade and minimize adverse global trade trends by stimulating timely national action.

The Commission has also recommended for designating the agricultural year 2006-07 as the Year of Agricultural Renewal. For this purpose the Commission suggested introduction of an integrated package of measures in every part of the country to increase farm productivity and profitability in perpetuity without associated ecological harm.

Inter-Departmental consultations on the recommendations made by the Commission have been initiated for appropriate action.