

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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LOSSES TO FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether most of the farms operated by the Government are running under loss; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures taken to overcome such losses?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) Ltd., a Central Public Sector Enterprise, is operating six farms, of which Bahraich (Uttar Pradesh) and Raichur (Karnataka) farms are running on loss. Main reason for loss at Bahraich farm is restrictions imposed by Uttar Pradesh Forest Department on infrastructure development as the farm is situated in forest area. At Raichur farm, non-availability of irrigation water from Tungbhadra Distributory No.54 during February to July is the main reason for loss. SFCI has closed unviable farms, diversified its activities, expanded dealers` network, implemented Voluntarily Retirement Scheme/Voluntary Separation Scheme and other austerity measures to improve performance.