

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5305  
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JOBS IN FARM SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the number of jobs that have been created in the farm and allied sectors during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the allocation made for the development of the farm sector during the last three years and the amount spent thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has appointed any panel last year to address farmers problems;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the implementation status of the recommendations made by the said panel?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Estimates of employment are available from the Quinquennial Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). As per two most recent quinquennial rounds of NSSO on employment and unemployment, employment in Agriculture & Allied Sectors on Current Daily Status basis has increased from 191.55 million in 1999-2000 (55th round) to 200.40 million in 2004-05 (61st round).

(c): The allocations made for the farm sector and the amount spent thereon for the last three years are given below:-

Year	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Expenditure
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2005-06	4179.32	3890.00	3802.77
2006-07	4800.00	4860.00	4639.91
2007-08	5520.00	6927.94#	5937.28

# including Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)

Upto February 2008

(d) & (e): No, Sir. However, based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers as contained in the Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers, submitted by the Commission, and the views and suggestions received from the various Central Government Ministries and Departments and the broad consensus reached with the States, the Government of India has approved the National Policy for Farmers, 2007, which was laid in Parliament in November, 2007. These inter alia, include, asset reforms in respect of land, water, livestock, fisheries and bio-resources; provide support services and inputs like application of frontier technologies; agricultural bio-security system; supply of good quality seeds and disease-free planting material, issue of soil health passbooks to the farmers and integrated pest management system; region and crop specific implements and machinery; support services for women like creches, child care centres, nutrition, health and training; timely, adequate and easy reach of institutional credit at reasonable interest rates and farmer-friendly insurance instruments; use of information and Communication Technology and setting up of farm schools to revitalize agricultural extension; coverage of farmers under a comprehensive national social security scheme; effective implementation of MSP across the country and establishing community foodgrain banks; development of agricultural market infrastructure and terminal markets for agriculture; curriculum reforms in agricultural universities; special categories of farming like organic farming and contract farming; rural non-farm employment initiative for farm households; and integrated approach for rural energy, etc.. An inter-Ministerial Committee has been constituted by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for preparing the Plan of Action for operationalization of the policy. Many of the Schemes / Programmes being implemented by different Department and Ministries are as per the provisions of National Policy for Farmers 2007. These include Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National

Food Security Mission, National Bamboo Mission, National Horticulture Mission, Micro Irrigation Schemes, Watershed Development Programme, Integrated Nutrient Management and Integrated Pest Management and other schemes covered under Macro Management Scheme providing autonomy to state governments in drawing up Plan Programmes as per their felt needs.