

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CHANGE IN FARM EXTENSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a demand has been made for change in farm extension method;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has brought out a Policy Framework for Agricultural Extension (PFAE) for aligning the agricultural extension system in the country to meet the changing extension needs. Major elements of PFAE are:

- ? Reforming public sector extension
- ? Promoting private sector in extension
- ? Augmenting media and information technology support for extension
- ? Mainstreaming gender concerns in extension
- ? Capacity building/skill upgradation of farmers and extension functionaries.