

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SCIENTIFIC METHOD OF FARMING  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has issued any guidelines to the State Governments for adopting scientific method of farming as recommended by the Swaminathan Commission so as to increase the agricultural production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds sanctioned, allocated and released to the States for the purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): The National Commission on Farmers under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan submitted its final report in October 2006 along with a draft National Policy for farmers, incorporating its main recommendations. The said draft inter-alia includes some issues relating to use of scientific methods in water management, fish rearing, organic farming, etc. Based on this draft and consultations with the State Governments as well as the Central Ministries/Departments concerned, the Government of India approved the National Policy for Farmers (NPF), 2007. Subsequently, an Inter-Ministerial Committee finalized a Plan of Action for Operationalisation of the NPF, 2007 and the same was circulated in October 2008 to all the State Governments and the Central Ministries/Departments concerned for necessary action. Another letter was issued to the States in September 2009 urging action on the points identified in the plan of Action.

The Government of India is funding various centrally sponsored schemes like the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Project on Management of Soil health & Fertility (NPMSF), etc., in which there is enough flexibility for the States to adopt and promote scientific methods of farming.