

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4093
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LABOUR INTENSIVE TECHNOLOGIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether labour intensive technologies are better suited in the agricultural sector in the country as compared to mechanisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) whether labour intensive techniques are widely preferred by farmers over mechanisation in different parts of the country for cultivating and harvesting various crops including wheat;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government provides Central assistance for promoting labour intensive techniques/technologies in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): Ministry of Agriculture does not maintain any specific information or database on labour intensive technologies in the agricultural sector in the country.
- (b): Not applicable.
- (c): Data/Information on preference of farmers for labour intensive techniques over mechanization is not maintained by the department.
- (d): Not applicable.
- (e): There is no specific scheme to provide any Central Assistance for promoting labour intensive techniques/technologies in the country.
- (f): Not applicable, in view of (e) above.