

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to allow Public-Private Partnership (PPP) in the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to give emphasis on developing indigenous research/technological skills keeping in views the principle of self-reliance instead of going in for PPP;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of States engaged in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode through Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) to improve agriculture productivity; and
- (f) the benefits likely to accrue by PPP to agriculture sector?

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)&(b): Yes, Madam. Public Private Partnership is being encouraged in a limited way in various areas including extension activities, seed production, agriculture marketing etc. to supplement the Government's efforts in the agriculture sector.
- (c)&(d): Public Private Partnership will supplement the Government's efforts in developing research/technological skills as this field requires collaborative effort of the private sector.
- (e): The details of states engaged in PPP mode through Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) to improve agriculture productivity is attached at Annexure.
- (f): PPP will attract private sector investment and skills to increase productivity in the agriculture sector.