

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HIGHER GROWTH FOR INDIAN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has held any consultations with various stake holders in the agricultural sector including State Governments, farmers and agriculture based industries to devise a strategy to achieve higher growth in the said sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes any shift in priorities and strategies to achieve the said objectives; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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): Yes, Madam.

(b): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation organized Kharif & Rabi Conferences in 2009-10 and a meeting of the Core Group of Central Ministers & Chief Ministers to discuss strategies and programmes for achieving higher growth in the agriculture sector. Consultations with farmers were held as part of programme on Extension on 26.2.2010. Industry has been consulted from time to time including presentation by CII on 6.4.2010.

(c) & (d): Shift in priorities and strategies are reflected in the Mid-Term Appraisal and Annual Plan of the Ministry.