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NATIONAL RAINFED AREA AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status and functions of the National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA);
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for its extensive functioning;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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): The National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) was set up by Government of India in 2006 to ensure holistic and integrated development of Rainfed areas in the country. The Authority is presently serviced by Ministry of Agriculture. An outlay of Rs.123 Crore has been made for implementation of the activities of the Authority during the XI Plan.

(b) to (d): The Authority is providing technical inputs at the policy level for the holistic development of rainfed areas in the country. The Authority has much broader mandate for sustainable development of rainfed areas of the country. The mandate assigned to NRAA is annexed.