

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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REPORT ON AGRICULTURE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether in a report published by FICCI-wide range of issues concerning the agriculture sector including farm mechanisation have been recommended;
- (b) if so, the details of issues raised and the recommendations made in the report;
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the agriculture sector?

**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): A booklet in the form of 'Status Paper' on Farm Mechanization in India was released by FICCI-Yes Bank during the International Exhibition-cum-Conference 'Eima-Agrimach INDIA 2009' held between 3-5 December, 2009 at IARI, Pusa, New Delhi. Copies of the status paper were distributed to the participants in the conference hall.

(b): The status paper provides information about various issues related to farm mechanization and subsequently opines that there is immense scope for improvement in mechanization of agriculture. However, the paper puts a disclaimer indicating that it should be referred for information purpose only and that the document makes no representation towards the completeness or correctness of the information and is not intended to be a substitute for professional, legal or technical advice.

(c) & (d): The Ministry is aware of the status paper on Farm Mechanization in India as released by FICCI-Yes Bank and the information/opinion contained therein. Further, for promoting and encouraging farm mechanization in the country, the Ministry is already implementing schemes like "Promotion and Strengthening of Agricultural Mechanization through Training, Testing and Demonstration" and "Post Harvest Technology and Management". Also, for improving productivity in the agriculture sector, various other schemes e.g. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Food Security Mission, Macro Management of Agriculture etc. are currently under implementation.