

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Commission on Farmers has suggested a comprehensive medium term strategy for food and nutrition security in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has included such suggestions in the National Agriculture Policy;
- (d) if so, whether the National Agriculture Policy has succeeded in providing food and nutrition security in the country; and
- (e) 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) to (e): The National Commission on Farmers (NCF), in its Second Report submitted in August 2005 had suggested an elaborate medium-term strategy for food and nutrition security in the country. The Commission submitted a "Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers" incorporating its main recommendation, including the one relating to Food Security Policy. Based on this Draft Policy and consultation with the State Governments, the Government of India approved the National Policy for Farmers (NPF), 2007 which inter-alia provides for a well defined Food Security Policy including constitution of a Cabinet Committee on Food Security.

A Plan of Action for operationalisation of the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 has been circulated to the Central Ministries/Departments concerned and the State Governments in October 2008 for necessary action.

Most of the provisions contained in the NPF, 2007 are being addressed through various schemes and programmes being implemented by Government. All these initiatives and programmes which are aimed at increasing the agriculture production as well the income levels of farmers have contributed in ensuring food security in the country.