

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DISBURSEMENT OF LOANS BY NAFED  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the objective of setting up the National Agricultural Cooperative marketing Federation of India (NAFED);
- (b) whether the NAFED is empowered to disburse loans;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including its norms;
- (d) the funds disbursed by the NAFED as loans during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the amount earned by the NAFED as interest on the disbursed loans?

**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 objective of NAFED is to organize, promote and develop marketing, processing and storage of agricultural, non-agricultural and non-traditional items, horticultural and forest produce, distribution of agricultural machinery, wholesale or retail as the case may be and to act and assist for technical advice in agricultural, non-agricultural, non-traditional production for the promotion and the working of its members, partners, associates and cooperative marketing, processing and supply societies in India.
- (b) & (c): By-laws of NAFED empowers to advance loans to its members and other cooperative institutions on the security of goods or otherwise.
- (d): NAFED has not disbursed any loan during last three years and in the current year.
- (e): Question does not arise.