

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2280  
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2010  
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FARMERS  
Singh Shri Sukhdev

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Commission on Farmers has given some suggestions to provide support to Gram Panchayats;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government has implemented these suggestions in the country including Punjab; 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) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers suggested by the National Commission on Farmers (NCF) provides for training of one woman and one man selected by each Panchayat to serve as Farm Science Managers in their respective villages.

The concept of farm science managers has been suitably incorporated in the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 (NPF) approved by Government. The NPF, 2007 also envisages support to the State governments for empowering the Panchayats to implement various schemes and programmes at the grass root level and addressing the problems of farmers.

A Plan of Action for Operationalisation of the NPF, 2007 was circulated in October 2008 to all stakeholders, including the Government of Punjab, for necessary action.