

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether other countries including Sri Lanka have sought Indian assistance to revive agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

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 (c): Sri Lanka made a request for revival of two sugar mills in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka on 25-08-2010. The proposal is under consideration.

In order to boost the agricultural activities, India has supplied seeds and 500 tractors for the use of farmers in Northern Sri Lanka, especially during the `Maha` sowing season. India has also gifted 95,000 of agricultural starters packs for reviving the livelihood activities of returning Internally Displaced Persons in Northern Sri Lanka.

India has deputed a six member delegation to Sri Lanka in September, 2009 for a detailed discussion for setting up of an Institute of Agricultural Transformation.

No specific request has been received so far from any other country for assistance to revive agriculture.