

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3378

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TASK FORCE ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received the recommendations of the task force constituted to increase the agricultural production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any recommendation has been made to fix the rate of interest at 4 per cent on the loan given to the agriculture sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the rate of interest at which the loans are being provided in the agriculture sector at present?

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): No, Madam. There is no such task force constituted to increase the agricultural production. However, based on a decision taken by "Core Group of Central Ministers and State Chief Ministers on Prices of Essential Commodities" in its meeting held under the chairmanship of Prime Minister, a Working Group on Agriculture Production under the chairmanship of Chief Minister, Haryana has been constituted in May, 2010. The Working Group has finalized its recommendations for submission to the Core Group.