

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNOLOGY FOR SMALL HOLDINGS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether small and marginal farmers are largely constrained due to the absence of simple and low cost technologies suited to small plots which can be managed by them;
- (b) if so, whether the present technologies are expensive and fit for use only in large fields of big farmers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken to make available suitable technologies to small and marginal farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

- (a): Simple and low cost technologies that are especially suitable for small and marginal farmers are already available in the country.
- (b): Presently available technologies are suitable for deployment for both large and small land holdings.
- (c) & (d): Ministry of Agriculture is implementing central sector schemes namely Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and National Food Security Mission (NFSM) which, besides incorporating suitable technologies for effective utilization of agricultural inputs for enhanced productivity, also makes available suitable agricultural tools and equipments on subsidized rates to farmers that include small and marginal farmers also. List of such tools and equipments is enclosed as Annexure-A.