

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Working Group on Agricultural Production was set up by the Government;
- (b) if so, the composition and purpose of the said working group;
- (c) whether the same has submitted its report to the Government;
- (d) if so, the details of the recommendations made; and
- (e) the follow up action taken by the Government?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The Working Group was instituted under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Haryana with Chief Ministers of Punjab, West Bengal and Bihar as members.

The terms of reference of the Working Group were to deliberate on and recommend measures for increasing agriculture production and productivity including long-term policies for sustained agricultural growth. The Working Group was also tasked to deliberate on the availability and management of various issues related to inputs viz. seeds, fertilizers, water, power, credit, machinery, etc. The Working Group was also required to suggest strategies/plans of action for bridging yield gaps; crop specific strategies – special focus on pulses & oilseeds; strengthening input delivery mechanism for seeds, nutrients, water, credit, power; gearing up extension administration; marketing reforms; addressing land and labour related issues, etc.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d) & (e): Details of major recommendations and follow up action taken are enclosed at Annexure A.