

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the recommendations made by the National Commission on Farmers and the status of the implementation thereof;
- (b) whether any mechanism has been put in place to monitor the implementation of the said recommendations;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any initiative to promote Farmers` Co-operatives on the recommendations of the said Commission on Farmers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers (NCF) and on the basis of consultations with the State Governments as well as the Central Ministries/Departments concerned, the Government of India approved the National Policy for Farmers (NPF), 2007. The Major goals of the National Policy for Farmers are at Annexure.

An Inter-Ministerial Committee finalized a Plan of Action for operationalisation of the NPF 2007. The Plan of Action was circulated to all the State Governments and the Central Ministries/Departments concerned for taking necessary action at their end. A regular monitoring mechanism has been put in place to oversee the progress of implementation. Most of the provisions contained in the NPF, 2007 are being addressed through various Schemes and Programmes being implemented by Government.

(d) & (e): NPF, 2007 provides for cooperative farming and service cooperatives as one of the methods to benefit the small and marginal farmers for gaining efficiency and economies of scale in their farming operations. The guidelines for Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms (ATMA) Scheme, 2010 provide for formation of Commodity Interest Groups for all major commodities and for mobilization of farmer groups of different types including Farmers' Cooperatives. Farmers' Cooperatives can also be promoted under other ongoing schemes of the Government.