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AGRO TECH 2010

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a fair called Agro Tech 2010 was organized recently;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the private sector participated in it; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for mechanisation in the agriculture sector in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Agro Tech 2010 was organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) from 3rd to 6th December, 2010 at Chandigarh. With Sustainable Agriculture as its main theme, Agro Tech 2010's objective was to serve as a link between technology holders and the user industry with special focus on farmers-experts interface. It aimed at bringing farmers face to face with the latest state-of-the-art technologies both in terms of machinery as well as agri practices. During the four day fair, besides showcasing of agri products and services, Kisan Goshtis for educating farmers on various available agri business opportunities were organized in addition to International Buyer Seller Meet and International Conferences on contemporary issues in Indian agriculture.

(c) : The fair witnessed large scale participation from Private Sector. 230 companies including 63 companies from 9 countries showcased their products and services at the Agro Tech, 2010.

(d): Ministry of Agriculture is implementing several schemes for promoting mechanization in the agriculture sector in the country. Notably among them are Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY); National Food Security Mission (NFSM); Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) etc. under which agricultural equipments and tools are made available on subsidized rates to farmers. In addition, a central sector scheme 'Promotion & Strengthening of Agricultural Mechanization through Training, Testing & Demonstration' is also being implemented under which assistance is provided to State Governments, ICAR and Central/State Government Organizations for organizing training and demonstration of newly developed/improved equipments among the farmers for creating awareness and for helping induction of new technology in agricultural production system.