

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COMMERCIAL FARMING ABROAD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some foreign countries have invited Indian farmers to undertake commercial farming in their countries;
- (b) if so, the details of such countries and the recent development/initiative made in this regard; and
- (c) the expected business generation and inflow of foreign exchange into the country as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Requests have been received from various countries and our missions abroad, inviting Indian corporates and farmers to take up commercial agriculture in their countries. Indian companies/farmers have also requested for more detailed information, such as, agro-climatic conditions, terms and conditions of engagement etc., in different countries.

The Government has not formulated any policy in this matter. However, it has supported efforts by FICCI for organizing a workshop on 6-7 May, 2010, to help in the dissemination of useful information regarding agro- climatic conditions, the state of agriculture and other information in these countries. Senior government officers of various countries and representatives of Indian corporate houses had participated in this workshop.