

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering measures, including allowing institutions like National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to fund Indian setting up farms abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has a comprehensive policy to regulate the acquisition of farm land by Indians in foreign countries; and
- (d) 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) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): 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.