

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SECOND GREEN REVOLUTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters, including farmers commission for launching a second Green Revolution in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): From time to time, Government receives suggestions for revitalization of agricultural sector, improvement in production and productivity, stepping up the growth rates of these sectors, enhancement of the income of the farmers, etc. The National Commission on Farmers (NCF) set up under the Chairmanship of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan made a passing reference to "evergreen revolution" in its Fifth and Final Report by stating that frontier technologies like, biotechnology, information and communication technology, space applications and nanotechnology provide opportunities for launching an evergreen revolution.

In order to achieve the above objectives, the Government has already taken many initiatives like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Food Security Mission, National Horticulture Mission, setting up of National Rainfed Area Authority and Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, Micro Irrigation, Agriculture Technology Management Agency(ATMA) Scheme, National Agricultural Insurance Scheme, Comprehensive Credit Package, Debt Waiver Scheme, Revival of Cooperative Credit Institutions, Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses, etc. Further, the Government has announced a National Policy for Farmers in 2007 incorporating many of the recommendations of the NCF that are aimed at the revival of Indian agriculture with special emphasis on the economic well being of the farmers.