

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:461
ANSWERED ON:06.09.2011
CO-OPERATIVE FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of co-operative farming in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the benefits accrued, as a result of cooperative farming in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has launched any scheme to promote cooperative farming in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether various State Governments have been consulted in this regard; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the response of the State Governments thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 461 DUE FOR REPLY ON 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2011.

(a) to (g): 'Cooperation' being a State subject, the States are expected to take necessary steps to promote cooperative farming. However, in view of importance of cooperatives, the National Policy for Farmers, which was formulated after consultation with the States, provides for encouraging and supporting small farmers' cooperatives to take up activities such as processing, value addition and marketing of agri products; formation of Farmers Groups; Joint Liability Groups, etc., which has helped in strengthening the cooperative sector, thus benefitting farmers. Many schemes of the Government of India, such as Centrally Sponsored scheme on National Horticulture Mission, Central Sector Scheme for Development/Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardisation, Rural Godown Scheme, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms, etc. inter-alia support the cooperative institutions for promotion of agriculture.