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RANGARAJAN COMMITTEE REPORT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Rangarajan Committee Report on agriculture production and food security have been submitted to the Government;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The Expert Committee on National Food Security Bill (NFSB) under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council (EAC) to the Prime Minister, submitted its report in January, 2011.

The main recommendations of the Expert Committee with regard to the NFSB are:

(i) Assured delivery of foodgrains at Rs. 2/- kg for wheat and Rs.3/- kg for rice should be restricted to the really needy households covering 46% and 28% of the rural and urban population respectively.

(ii) The issue price of Rs. 3/- per kg for rice and Rs. 2/- per kg for wheat may be fixed in 2011 when the NFSB is likely to be implemented and thereafter it may be inflation adjusted and indexed to Consumer Price Index (CPI).

(iii) Rest of the population may be covered through an executive order, with varying quantum, depending upon availability of surplus foodgrains, at an issue price equal to Minimum Support Price.

(iv) Socio-economic survey for identification of beneficiaries under NFSB should be carried out by State Governments in accordance with broad guidelines of the Central Government.

(c): The Government has prepared a draft National Food Security Bill based, inter alia, on the recommendations of National Advisory Council (NAC), Expert Committee

(Rangarajan Committee) and other stakeholders.