

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1192
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2011
DISRUPTION OF RAIL SERVICE BY FARMERS
Choudhary Shri Bhudeo

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many farm organisations/ activists disrupted rail services in some parts of the country for redressal of their problems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the demands of farmers for the said disruption; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Agriculture has no information regarding disruption of rail service by farm organizations/activists in some parts of the country for redressal of their problems.

(c) & (d): However, some farmers' associations have submitted memorandum to Government listing various demands, which include enhancement in minimum support price of agricultural commodities, amendment of Land Acquisition Act, 1894, provision of separate Budget for agriculture, provision of crop loan and loan for agricultural implements at low rate of interest, bringing price control and stronger penalties in Seeds Bill, ensuring availability of power, irrigation, diesel and fertilizers to farmers, modification in crop insurance scheme, fixing minimum wage for cultivators and agricultural labourers, inclusion of farmers in category of Other Backward Class and reservation in Jobs, emphasis on traditional farming, connecting MGNREGA with agriculture in peak farming season and giving wages to farmers, providing free medical facilities to farmers' families through government aided health scheme & health insurance, proper educational facilities as also free & subsidized education in rural areas, banning private seed company research in Public Agricultural Universities etc.

These demands were considered for appropriate action consistent with the Government's policy to increase agriculture production & productivity and farmers' income & welfare.