

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CREATION OF MINISTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the various proposals to constitute a Peasant Welfare Ministry to exclusively deal with the peasant welfare related matters from different peasants' organisations have been submitted to the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) 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): No, Madam. However, Indian Coordination Committee of Farmers' Movement submitted a Memorandum to Government, in which, inter-alia, demand for creation of Nodal Ministry for Agriculture to deal with all agriculture related decisions was made.

(c): Ministry of Agriculture comprises Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Department of Agricultural Research & Education and Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, which have synergy in their role of providing support for development of agriculture and giving focused attention to various programmes/schemes for increasing agricultural production and farmers' income in the country. Also, National Rainfed Area Authority has been created specifically to harness and harmonise potential of rainfed agriculture. Besides, agriculture is in State List of the Constitution and State Governments are responsible for implementation of various schemes/programmes.