

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Conference on Agriculture for rabi and kharif campaigns were held recently;
- (b) if so, the details of issues discussed and outcome thereof; and
- (c) the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Madam. National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign and Rabi Campaign were held on 6th – 7th April, 2011 and 14th – 15th September 2011 respectively.
- (b) & (c): The issues discussed in the Conferences mainly related to:
 - (i) Review of production performance of past crop season,
 - (ii) Development of crop production strategy for ensuing season,
 - (iii) Fixing crop-wise target in consultation with State Govts.
 - (iv) Ensuring input supply position at various stages,
 - (v) Highlighting new technologies and innovation in Agriculture. In addition, measures to ensure food and nutritional security for the country through sustained growth in agriculture production were discussed. An interactive session with ICAR scientists was also held in which Stage-specific issues were discussed and resolved on the spot. The occasion was also utilized as an opportunity for sharing the experiences of best practices and special initiatives undertaken by States. Requirement, availability and distribution of fertilizers were also addressed. States were divided into Groups and major/critical issues raised during discussion in groups by respective states were addressed and resolved. Necessary follow up measures are taken by States within the framework of ongoing schemes to implement decisions taken in the Conference.