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INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN FARMING

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to involve the private sector in farming by transferring land to them on lease basis;
- (b). if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to popularise co-operative farming to reduce the cost of farming in the country; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b); There is no such proposal under consideration involving leasing out government land to the private sector for farming.
- (c) & (d): `Cooperation` being a State subject, the States are expected to take necessary steps to promote farming through cooperatives. However, the National Policy of Farmers formulated in consultation with the States, provides for encouraging and supporting small farmers' cooperatives. Several Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored schemes of the Government of India, such as, National Horticulture Mission, Scheme for Development/Strengthening of Agriculture Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardisation, Rural Godown Scheme, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms, etc. under implementation, `inter-alia`, support cooperative institutions for promotion of agriculture.