

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SELF HELP GROUPS OF FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Commission on Farmers has suggested for mobilisation and organisation of farmers into self help groups;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of self help groups of farmers established in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether the said suggestions have been included in the National Agriculture Policy;
- (d) whether the Government provides funds to such groups and other NGOs; and
- (e) if so, the funds allocated and utilised in this regard, since 2009?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): National Commission on Farmers (NCF) has referred to Self Help Groups (SHGs) in its reports, on the basis of which National Policy for Farmers (NPF), 2007 has been formulated.

(d) & (e): No funds are earmarked under the schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) to fund SHGs and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). However, SHGs are provided training in various aspects of farming under the schemes of DAC