

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:299
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NATIONAL INNOVATION COUNCIL
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received the National Innovation Council's report on promotion of new ideas for inclusive development;
- (b) if so, the details of the main recommendations on agriculture sector; and
- (c) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be approved and implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT PREPARED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 299 REGARDING NATIONAL INNOVATION COUNCIL RAISED BY SHRI P.R. NATARAJAN ON 25.04. 2012

(a) : The National Innovation Council has been constituted to prepare a roadmap for innovation in the country, and formulate and implement a model of inclusive innovation. The Council has released the first "Report to the People-2011" in November 2011, which provides an overview of the activities and initiatives of the Council. Some key initiatives that National Innovation Council has focused on, in the past one year, include:

Developing a framework to finance innovation for the Bottom of the Pyramid through the creation of an India Inclusive Innovation Fund

Creating an eco-system for seeding innovations in regional industry with a focus on MSMEs, by facilitating the creation of Industry Innovation Clusters to drive job creation and productivity

Leveraging our demographic dividend for innovation by creating a connected India through the spread of rural broadband in two years time to all 250,000 panchayats

Nurturing innovation in the education system through action in schools and colleges by intervening in curriculum, talent-spotting of innovators among students and award of Innovation Fellowships, creation of a Meta University, as a global first, that rides on the National Knowledge Network to promote multi-disciplinary learning, and facilitating the creation of innovation ecosystems at Universities through University Innovation Clusters

Promoting an innovation culture through action in areas of communication and advocacy through an Innovation Portal (www.innovation.gov.in) and working through mass media organisations

Creating an institutional framework for innovations in Government by facilitating the setting up of State Innovation Councils in each State, and Sectoral Innovation Councils aligned to Union Government Ministries

(b)& (c): The report does not contain any specific recommendations on the agriculture sector.