

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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STRATEGY FOR FOOD SECURITY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Commission on Farmers in its report has suggested for a comprehensive mid-term strategy for providing food and nutrition security in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The National Commission on Farmers (NCF) in its Second Report submitted in August 2005 had suggested an elaborate medium-term strategy for food and nutrition security in the country. The Commission submitted a "Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers" incorporating its main recommendations, including the one relating to Food Security Policy. Based on this Draft Policy and consultations with the State Governments, Government of India approved the National Policy for Farmers (NPF), 2007 which inter-alia provides for a well-defined Food Security Policy.

A Plan of Action for operationalisation of the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 was circulated to the Central Ministries/Departments concerned and the State Governments in October 2008 for necessary action.

Most of the provisions contained in the NPF, 2007 are being addressed through various schemes and programmes being implemented by Government. All these initiatives and programmes, which are aimed at increasing the agriculture production as well as the income levels of farmers, have contributed in ensuring food security in the country.