

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF NCF

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the major recommendations made by the National Commission on Farmers (NCF) and the status of implementation of the recommendations;
- (b) whether the problems of the farmers still persist inspite of the follow up action taken by various stakeholders on the recommendations of the Commission;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the comprehensive measures taken by the Government to resolve the various problems being faced by the farmers?

Answer

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

(a): The major recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers (NCF) were contained in the Draft National Policy for Farmers submitted by it. The accepted recommendations figuring under National Policy for Farmers, 2007 (NPF) inter alia include Asset Reforms to Empower Farmers with regard to Land, Water, Livestock, Fisheries & Bio resources; Support Services including Science & Technology, Agricultural Bio Security, Agro-Meteorology, Climate Change, Inputs & Services, Credit, Insurance Cooperatives, Extension Training & Knowledge Connectivity, Marketing & Processing; Specific Initiatives for Special Categories of Farmers such as Tribal Farmers, Plantation Farmers etc.; Institutional Support for Encouraging Organic Farming, Green Agriculture etc.; Special Attention to Areas Experiencing Agrarian Distress and Enhancement in Income of Small & Marginal Farmers through Cooperative Farming, Group Farming, Contract Farming etc.

Final Plan of Action for Operationalization of NPF 2007, which identified 201 further steps / actions that need to be taken, was circulated to all the State/UT Governments as well as the central Ministries/Departments concerned for appropriate action. Action on 152 points has been completed.

(b) to (d): Problems faced by farmers are multi-dimensional and dynamic which are being resolved gradually with joint efforts of the Government of India and the State Governments. NPF, 2007 provides roadmap for mitigating problems of farmers.

Comprehensive initiatives of Government of India to resolve the problems faced by farmers include launching of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and National Food Security Mission; strengthening of National Horticulture Mission, Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms, Micro Irrigation, and National Agricultural Insurance Scheme; increasing Minimum Support Price (MSP) of various crops substantially to ensure that farming continues to be remunerative vocation; Reducing the rate of interest on crop loan up to Rs. 3 lakh to 4% per annum for farmers who repay on time; announcing new initiatives like bringing Green Revolution to Eastern Region, Rainfed Area Development Programme, Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses villages in rainfed areas, Promotion of Oil Palm, Initiative on Vegetable Clusters, Nutri-cereals, National Mission for Protein Supplements, Accelerated Fodder Development Programme, and Vidarbha Intensive Irrigation Programme; etc.