

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE IN FARM TECHNOLOGY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently sought external assistance from other countries to introduce the latest farm technology to improve the foodgrains production in the country;
- (b) if so, the assistance sought and given by these countries during the last one year, country-wise; and
- (c) the likely benefits likely to accrue to the Indian farmers due to these assistances?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. No such external assistance has been sought recently.

However, a partnership Agreement viz. Agriculture & Food Security Program (AFSP) has been signed by the Government of India with the United States of America in September, 2010 which, interalia, includes a number of projects for improving the Agricultural Technology to benefit the Indian farmers & to improve the foodgrains production in the Country.