

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been considerable increase in the demand for agricultural equipment in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some major foreign companies have entered in the field of manufacturing of agricultural equipment in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof during each of the last two years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Shortage of agricultural labour, rising cost of manual methods of cultivation, need for quicker and timely farming operation owing to climatic variability etc. are contributing to increase in demand for agricultural equipment in the country.

(c) & (d): As per information maintained by Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, the year-wise Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Equity Inflow data from April 2010 to September, 2012 is enclosed at Annexure