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COOPERATIVE FARMING

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cooperative farming is in practice in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features and objectives of cooperative farming;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to promote cooperative farming in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) 'Cooperation' being a State subject, the States are expected to take necessary steps to promote cooperative farming. However, in view of importance of cooperatives the National Policy for Farmers, which was formulated after consultation with the States, provides for encouraging and supporting small farmers' cooperatives to take up activities such as processing, value addition and marketing of agri products, formation of farmers groups, joint liabilities groups etc., which has helped in strengthening the cooperative sector thus benefitting farmers. Many schemes of the Government of India, as such Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission, Central Sector Scheme for Development/Strengthening of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization, Rural Godown Scheme, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna, support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms etc. inter-alia support the cooperative institutions for promotion of agriculture.