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

- (a) whether the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) has suggested for deliberations on the long-term feasibility of the strategy under the National Food Security Bill (NFSB);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the NFSB is likely to have enormous ramifications on the cereal economy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) in its report on Price Policy for Rabi Crops of 2012-13 season has stated that given the present food production and stocks of foodgrains the requirement of foodgrains under National Food Security Bill (NFSB) is manageable. However, CACP has suggested that food subsidy be given directly to poor households through smart cards/food coupons.

(c) & (d): At the current levels of production and procurement of foodgrains, any enormous ramification on cereal economy is not foreseen for meeting the estimated requirement of foodgrains under the National Food Security Bill, 2011.