

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any policy for promoting financial inclusion in rural and remote areas for small farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the emerging communication technologies are being used to provide new opportunities for rural banking and micro finance so as to benefit the farmers;
- (d) whether a feasibility study on coupling of financial services with nonfinancial services like marketing and extension services has been conducted; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) to (e): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.