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TARGETS FOR AGRICULTURAL GROWTH

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has held consultations with various stakeholders in the agriculture sector including State Governments, farmers and agriculture based industries to set up targets for the 12th Five Year Plan and to devise a strategy to achieve higher growth in the said sector;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (c) the details of the schemes incorporated in the 12th Five Year Plan to achieve the desired target;
- (d) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Union Government to involve the farmers and NGOs in the policy framing; and
- (e) if so, the present status thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): To set up the targets and devise strategy for the Fiver Year Plan, a set procedure is adopted by the Planning Commission. As per this, Planning Commission constituted the Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Member (Agriculture), Planning Commission, and a total of 11 Working Groups formed during 12th Five Year Plan formulations. The Working Groups and Steering Committee were represented by the persons of eminence/sector specialist, farmers' organizations, members of State Farmers' Commission, renowned NGOs' industries representatives and other such stakeholders in the filed of Agriculture & Allied Sector. The Working Groups and Steering Committee held several rounds of meetings/consultations with the stakeholders across the country. A target of 4% growth per annum in Agriculture Sector Gross Domestic Product has been envisaged in the draft 12th Five Year Plan.

The details of the mission/schemes incorporated in the 12th Five Year Plan to achieve the desired target are Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Mission on Oilseeds & Oil Palm (NMOOP) (New), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) including Micro Irrigation (New), National Mission on Agricultural Extension & Technology (New), Integrated Scheme for Farmers Income Security (ISFIS) (New), Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Census & Statistics (New), Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Marketing (New), Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Cooperation (New) and Secretariat Economic Service.

Farmers and NGO's are already involved in the process of formulation of 12th Five Year Plan.