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SURVEY ON FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the income and condition of farmers;
- (b) if so, the details and the findings thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any strategy based on the said findings to improve the condition of farmers 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 assess the income and condition of farmers in the country a Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) was carried out in 2003 by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India.

(b) : The highlights of the survey are published in the NSS Report No.497 entitled "Income, Expenditure and Productive Assets of Farmer Households, 2003" and the same are indicated in the Annexure.

(c) to (e): The Government of India has launched several schemes to increase investments in agriculture sector for accelerating agricultural growth and to raise farm incomes such as, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seed, National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Gramin Bhandaran Yojana etc. In addition, Government has substantially improved the availability of farm credit; implemented a rehabilitation package for areas with higher agrarian stress; implemented a massive programme of debt waiver; introduced better crop insurance schemes; improving the income earning opportunities of farmers through Minimum Support Price (MSP) policy, etc.