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PRODUCTIVITY OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Expert Group on Pulses has made any recommendation to improve the productivity of pulses by way of outsourcing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Expert Group on Pulses has recommended involving private sector and Non Government Organisations (NGOs) for capacity building of farmers and public-private partnership for developing business models for effective dissemination of newer practices, timely supply of quality inputs, processing/marketing, arranging credit and facilitating risk mitigation through crop insurance for improving the productivity of pulses.

(c): Government of India is organizing crop based trainings for capacity building of farmers through State Governments, National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and International Research Organizations etc. Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) have also been formed in pulse growing areas for demonstration of good agriculture practices to improve the productivity of pulses and value chain integration through Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC).