

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to provide Agricultural subsidies to the farmers on the lines of developed countries;
- (b) if so, whether farmers` group have urged the Government to stand up to developed nations including the United States of America and European Union`s and reject such proposal that will impact agricultural subsidies and affect over 600 million farmers of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): No, Madam. The Government has taken a holistic view of agriculture sector in the context of national development and extending assistance to farmers on the basis of rational criteria. It has also formulated its stand on Agricultural subsidies considering the national interests and international obligations.