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EMPLOYMENT IN FARM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the employment opportunities offered by farm sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of employment generated by the farm sector during the 12th Plan period along with the schemes/ programmes undertaken for the purpose;
- (c) whether any targets have been set for generation of employment opportunities during the 13th Plan period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether new schemes/programmes have been undertaken to further improve employability in the farm sector, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): According to Eleventh Five Year Plan document brought out by Planning Commission, agriculture contributed 8.8 million job opportunities from 1993-94 to 2004-05. It is projected to contribute no increase in the Eleventh Plan and a net decrease of 4 million agricultural workers over the Twelfth Plan period (2012-17). There is no potential for massive increase in employment in agricultural sector. However, the indirect employment is likely to increase with increase in agricultural production particularly in agro-processing and in support infrastructure.

(c) & (d): No targets have been set for generation of employment opportunities during the 13th Plan period.

(e): Several schemes launched in the agriculture sector aim at increasing production and productivity and in the process also create additional income and employment opportunities. Important programmes include National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana(RKVY), Gramin Bhandaran Yojana, Development of Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure, Micro Irrigation, Rural Credit, Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and National Horticulture Mission(NHM).

These schemes apart from increasing agricultural production and productivity also create on-farm and non-farm employment.