

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1816

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FOOD CRISIS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Bank has advised the Union Government to focus on agriculture to resolve the food crisis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any steps are being taken to promote agricultural growth in the country including Karnataka; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (d): No, Madam. The World Bank supports the Union Government as well as State Government namely Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Utrakhand, Tamil Nadu including Karnataka to promote agricultural growth in the country through a portfolio of investment amounting to net commitments in the order of US\$3.5 billion across projects associated with agriculture technology development, irrigation and drainage, watershed and sustainable rainfed as well as agriculture activities included under the development of rural livelihoods.

Besides, Government of India has also been taking several steps for ensuring timely supply of critical inputs like Quality Seeds/Planting material, Fertilizers, Agricultural Implements and Farm Machinery, Crop loan and Crop Insurance etc. to promote Agricultural Growth in the country under Various Agricultural development programme namely Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) throughout the country including Karnataka.