

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3991  
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2009  
UN REPORT ON HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the United Nations in a report on Hunger and Malnutrition criticised the shift towards cash crop instead of foodgrains and raised its concerns on continued suicides by farmers owing to the unremitted growth on a market economy which has not benefited the farm sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereon?

**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) & (b): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.