

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CONTRACT FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of total arable land on which contract farming is being carried out in the country;
- (b) the names of the Multi-National and Indian Companies engaged in contract farming in the country;
- (c) the total amount of loan/financial assistance provided to each company by the public sector banks and financial institutions during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the farmers of the country are benefited by contract farming; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

- (a): Contract farming is reportedly being carried out in about 29,824 hectares which is about 0.016% of total arable land in the country.
- (b): As per available information, the Multi-National and Indian Companies engaged in contact farming in the country are as at Annexure.
- (c): This information is not available as it is not being maintained by the concerned State Departments.
- (d) & (e): The farmers of the country are reportedly being benefited by contract farming as the contracting companies provide quality inputs (seed, fertilizer, etc) and technology to the farmers to grow crops and also provide buy-back facility to purchase the contracted produce at predetermined prices.