GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FINANCE LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals from the States including Bihar for restarting financial assistance for the Land Development Banks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) the time by which the said proposals are likely to be approved?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): References were received from State Governments for revival of the Long-Term Cooperative Credit Structure (LTCCS), which constitutes Land Development Banks.

The Government had constituted a Task Force in January, 2005 to suggest an implementable action plan for reviving the Long-Term Cooperative Credit Structure (LTCCS) in the country which submitted its report in August, 2006. Subsequent to the implementation of Agriculture Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme, 2008, the LTCCS package was revised by the Government. However, the Government decided to have a re-look at the viability and relevance of a separate package for LTCCS and constituted a Task Force, in September, 2009, which submitted its report to the Government in February, 2010.

However, it was later decided in April, 2013 not to implement the LTCCS package, inter alia, due to uncertain stakeholder ownership and lack of adequate budgetary provisions for the purpose, etc.