

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NEW AGRICULTURAL POLICY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new agriculture policy in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including salient features and the time by which the new policy is likely to be started;
- (c) whether the new policy includes compensation to the farmer for damage to crops through natural disasters, unseasonal rains etc., if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the measures being taken by the Government to prevent damage to crops through natural disasters?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b) & (c): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d): Government has developed contingency plans for the farmers to tackle natural disasters before they strike. To prevent damage to crops, advisories are issued to the farmers through Short Messaging Services (SMS and electronic media).