

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LINKAGE OF AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES WITH PANCHAYATI RAJ
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received a suggestion from the National Commission on farmers to provide larger technical assistance to village panchayats and to link the agricultural universities with panchayati raj institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The National Commission on Farmers submitted five reports to the Government over a period of time. In the fourth report, the Commission submitted a Draft National Policy for Farmers. The Commission thereafter discussed the Draft National Policy with farmers and other stakeholders including NGOs, bankers, media and scientists. Based on these consultations, the Commission revised and elaborated the Draft Policy and submitted the 'Revised Draft National Policy for Farmers' alongwith its final report in 2006.

(c) Based on the "Revised Draft National Policy for farmers" submitted by the NCF and after consulting the State Governments, the Government of India approved the National Policy for Farmers (NPF) in the year 2007.