

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PPP IN AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects in the agriculture sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof; and
- (c) the details of States identified for implementation of such projects?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Government facilitates Public Private Partnership (PPP) projects in agriculture and allied sectors throughout the country. Private entrepreneurs can design suitable agricultural development projects and submit proposals to State Governments for approval. This is applicable to all States in the country.

Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) has been designated as a national level agency for promoting projects under PPP. SFAC acts as a facilitator for linking the project promoter to the concerned State Government. The role of SFAC is, however, restricted to facilitate the process of technical appraisal and coordination. An independent monitoring agency (like National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) or any other agency with no conflict of interest with that particular project) can be appointed by the State Government to track the performance of these projects and report to all relevant stakeholders in the State and Central Government.