

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1055
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AGRICULTURE AS A PROFITABLE OCCUPATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to make agriculture a profitable and viable occupation; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): In addition to the present policy of price support, subsidy measures and risk management through national Agricultural Insurance Scheme, it is proposed to introduce a new central sector scheme on Hi-tech Horticulture and Precision Farming during current year with a view to diversify agriculture into horticulture, floriculture, etc. which have more promising gains and remunerative returns. Major components of the Scheme will be use of hi-tech interventions like use of bio-technological tools, green food production and hi-tech green houses. Under the new proposed Scheme, during the current financial year, a sum of Rs.50 crores has been allocated. The combination of all such efforts will increase the income and profits of the farmers making agriculture a profitable and viable occupation.