

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:638

ANSWERED ON:28.11.2005

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a coordination committee has been constituted to focus on agricultural development and policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the key areas that require fresh policy initiatives; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) &(b): Yes, Sir. An Agriculture Coordination Committee has been recently constituted under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, to evolve a systematic approach to policy formulation on issues pertaining to agriculture and to promote inter-sectoral and inter-departmental coordination in planning and implementation. The composition of the Committee is as follows:-

1. Prime Minister - Chairman
2. Minister for Agriculture and Food & Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs
3. Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
4. Minister of Finance
5. Minister for Commerce & Industry
6. Minister for Water Resources
7. Minister of Rural Development
8. Minister of State for Food Processing
9. Minister of State for Science & Technology
10. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
11. Chairman, Economic Advisory Council
12. Chairman, National Commission on Farmers
13. Member (Agriculture), Planning Commission
14. Principal Secretary to PM - Convenor

Secretaries of the Ministries/Departments concerned would be permanent invitees. The Chairman could invite any Minister/Officer depending upon the context.

(c)&(d): The Committee is engaged in the task of identification of key areas requiring fresh policy initiatives, particularly those of an inter-sectoral nature.