

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DECLARATION OF RABI MOVEMENT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Rabi movement 2004-05 has been declared by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this movement has been successful in achieving its targets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**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) to (e): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation organizes national level conferences for Kharif and Rabi campaigns each year. The last Conference on launching of Rabi campaign was held on 15th and 16th September, 2005. This was attended mainly by senior functionaries dealing with matters relating to agriculture under the Central and State Governments/Union territory Administrations and agricultural research institutes including State Agriculture Universities etc.

This conference served as an important forum to review the agriculture performance in the past cropping season and to assess the preparedness of the State Governments/Union territory Administrations to meet the requirement of the ensuing cropping season successfully. The requirement of the States/Union territories for seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and other inputs was assessed so that these could be made available in time and in sufficient quantities. The experience has shown that this kind of interaction between the Central and the State Governments proves highly beneficial in formulating a suitable strategy for increasing agricultural production and productivity.