

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE CENSUS BY FAO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the new global agriculture census is underway under the agencies of UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) 2010;
- (b) if so, whether India is also a party alongwith other 100 countries in the census;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the extent to which this exercise is likely to help countries to monitor progress towards millennium development goals; and
- (e) the other aims and objectives of this census?

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): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Preliminary steps for organizing the World Programme for the Census of Agriculture, 2010 are being taken by the Food and Agriculture Organization. Recently, FAO organized a round table conference of member countries from South Asia at Bangkok, Thailand to discuss the methodological issues, items to be covered and the integration of Population Census and Aquaculture Census with the Agriculture Census.

(d): The global agriculture census would provide range of data for monitoring the millennium development goals relating to eradication of poverty and hunger, illiteracy, gender equality and empowerment of women, and environmental sustainability.

(e): The other objectives of the census are to collect supplementary data on community level, food security measures; agricultural planning and policy; and improvement of current agriculture statistics.