

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any Commission was appointed by the Government to look into the agrarian crisis in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Commission has submitted its report;
- (c) if so, the details of recommendations; and
- (d) the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): The National Commission on Farmers was set up in February, 2004 to examine and recommend policies, programmes and measures on various issues confronting Indian Farmers and to suggest appropriate interventions for improving the economic viability and sustainability of diversified agriculture including horticulture, livestock, dairy and fisheries.

(b): The Commission has so far submitted two interim reports.

(c)&(d): The First Interim Report of the National Commission on Farmers covers a wide range of recommendations dealing with integrated life saving support programme for farm families facing acute distress, productivity and livelihood enhancement in rainfed areas, a new deal for women in agriculture, strengthening and expanding the horticulture revolution, enhancing productivity, quality and global competitiveness of cotton, sustaining and expanding trade of farm commodities and its sanitary and Phytosanitary dimensions, village knowledge centres and food and nutrition security of livestock and livelihoods. The Report also covers rehabilitation and alleviation of fishermen and farm families from distress due to TSUNAMI, empowerment of community based organizations and Panchayati Raj institutions and administrative initiatives like creation of a Gram Panchayat Mahila Fund for Women.

The recommendations made in the Second Interim Report mainly relate to such aspects as food for all, fish for all, enhancing productivity, profitability, stability and sustainability of hill and arid agro ecosystems, coastal zone agriculture, mission for the prosperity of sugarcane farmers, conservation, cultivation and marketing of medicinal plants, organic farming, bio-fuels and agricultural marketing reforms.

The process to firm up the Government's decision on these recommendations has been initiated.