

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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STATUS OF INDUSTRY TO AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to give the status of industry to agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps initiated in this direction, so far; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to boost the agricultural production in 2005-06 and 2006-07?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government. However, the Government seeks to bestow on the agriculture sector as many benefits as possible similar to those obtaining in the manufacturing sector such as easy availability of credit and other inputs and infrastructure facilities for development of agriculture sector including marketing and post harvest management.

(d): In order to make the agriculture sector more vibrant and dynamic with the objective to increase production and productivity, the Government has taken several initiatives, which include enhancing flow of institutional credit to the farmers and strengthening of cooperative credit structure, ensuring the timely availability of quality inputs, promoting farmer friendly & demand driven agriculture extension system, accelerating diversification to high value crops, launching of national horticulture mission, strengthening infrastructure and the supply chain, optimizing the efficient utilization of available water resources through drip & sprinkler techniques, enhancing the sustainability of dry-land/rainfed farming system, reforming agricultural markets, widespread use of post harvest technology and putting in place a broader spectrum of risk-management apparatus for farmers.