

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR SMALL AND MARGINAL FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has announced in the Budget a special corpus of low cost fund with a view to generating more funds for small and marginal farmers to be managed by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD);
- (b) if so, whether the size of the fund is to be in the range of Rs.10,000-15000 crores;
- (c) if so, whether the modalities of the fund has been worked out; and
- (d) the time by which this fund will be utilized for the farmers?

**Answer**

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

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b) to (d): Does not arise.