

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL POLICIES .  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether agriculture has to generate surpluses for financing economic growth;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The agricultural policies being taken up by the Government for generating surpluses for financing economic growth?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Agriculture being an important sector of the national economy has a major role to play alongwith the other sectors of the economy in generating surpluses for facilitating economic growth. 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 institutional credit flow 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 including horticulture activities; strengthening infrastructure and the supply chain; optimizing the efficient utilization of available water resources through micro irrigation and enhancing the sustainability of dry-land/rain fed farming system; reforming agricultural markets, and widespread use of post harvest technology; and putting in place a broader spectrum of risk management apparatus for farmers.