

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST HUNGER

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has constituted the National Alliance Against Hunger (NAAH);
- (b) if so, the constituents and the objectives thereof ;
- (c) the measures suggested by the NAAH for food and nutrition security and food fortification and hunger mapping; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A list showing the members of National Alliance Against Hunger (NAAH) is annexed. The objectives of the Alliance are to mobilize political will, technical expertise and financial resources to reduce hunger in the country.

(c) & (d): Two meetings of the National Alliance Against Hunger (NAAH) have been held so far. These meetings were exploratory in nature. MSSRF and WFP have volunteered to prepare a concept paper on hunger mapping and also it was decided that state level alliances against hunger on the lines of NAAH be created. The Government has initiated various measures to improve the nutritional and health status of the population in the country viz. Nutrition Education, adoption of National Nutrition Policy in 1993 and a National Plan of Action for Nutrition (1998), supplementary feeding programmes and programmes for prevention of Specific Micronutrient Deficiency disorders.