

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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SCIENTIFIC IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has decided to take assistance from certain foreign citizens for scientific improvement in the agriculture sector of the country;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard and the foreign citizens invited for the same; and
- (c) the amount and the manner by which remuneration is likely to be provided to the foreigners?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): Prof D.P.S. Verma of the Ohio State University, Columbus, USA has made a presentation on Secondary Agriculture Revolution on 3rd February, 2006 to Planning Commission suggesting areas and opportunities for harnessing advanced technologies to give boost to agricultural growth and adding value to primary produce. Task Group on `Promoting Secondary Agriculture` was contemplated. However, the decision has been deferred until after the Approach Paper to Xth Plan document is approved.