

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:267
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2006
INDIAN TRADE ORGANISATION FOR FARMERS
Singh Shri Rakesh;Surendran Shri Chengara

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the country has become dependent on imported foodgrains ;
- (b) If so, the reasons therefor ;
- (c) Whether the recommendations of the National Commission for Farmers for setting up of Indian Trade Organisation(ITO) has been accepted by the Government; and
- (d) If so, the salient features of the proposed ITO and the time by which it is likely to become operational ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.267 DUE FOR REPLY ON THE 11TH DECEMBER, 2006.

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The production of foodgrains in the country was 198.36 million tonnes in 2004-05 and 208.3 million tonnes in 2005-06 against the requirement of 188.38 million tonnes in 2004-05 and 191.17 million tonnes in 2005-06.

(c)&d) : The National Commission on Farmers (NCF) has recommended that an Indian Trade Organisation (ITO) should be established. The recommendations of the NCF are under examination by Government.