

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEMANDS OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a delegation of the farmers met to the Prime Minister recently;
- (b) if so, the main demands put forward by the farmers delegation before the Prime Minister;
- (c) the time by which the demand of the farmers are likely to be met;
- (d) whether the export group constituted to look into the farmers` problems has submitted its report to the Government; and
- (e) if so, the details of recommendations made in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)to(c): The requisite information is being obtained and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) & (e): The National Commission on Farmers that was constituted to make recommendations on matters pertaining to Indian farmers and agriculture, has submitted its Reports, giving several recommendations. These recommendations, inter alia, include measures for integrated life saving support programme for farmers, improving productivity, quality and global competitiveness of farm produce, food and nutrition security, rehabilitation and alleviation of persons affected by TSUNAMI, a new deal for women in agriculture, village as knowledge centres, horticulture revolution, review of technology missions, etc. The recommendations also contain suggestions for betterment of hill and arid agro ecosystems, coastal zone agriculture, sugarcane farmers, medicinal plants, organic farming, bio-fuels, etc. as well as agricultural market reforms. A draft national policy for farmers has also been given in the reports.