

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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NAFED  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) The objectives of setting up of the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) alongwith its main activities ;
- (b) Whether the NAFED has been invested with power to grant loan to farmers in the country ;
- (c) If so, the amount of loan granted by NAFED during the last three years and the current year alongwith the interest earned thereon during the said period; and
- (d) The activities for which loan is being provided alongwith the number of farmers benefited therefrom during the above period ?

**Answer**

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

- (a) :The main objectives of NAFED are to organize, promote and develop marketing, processing, storage of agricultural, non-agricultural and non-traditional items, horticultural and forest produce; wholesale or retail; import, export and inter-State trade; distribution of agricultural machinery, implements and other inputs. Being a national level apex body of the agricultural marketing cooperatives, it also extends marketing support to its members, partners, associates and State level Cooperative Marketing Federations and Primary Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Societies.
- (b):As per the bye-laws of NAFED, it can grant loans to its members and other cooperatives institutions only and not to the farmers.
- (c)&(d) : Do not arise.