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TASK FORCE ON FARM SECTOR

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government has set up a task force regarding reinvigorating farm sector through science and technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a)&(b) : Arising from the recommendations of the National Development Council to plan for a 4% annual growth rate in agriculture, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences held a brainstorming meeting seeking Science and Technology ideas and inputs that contribute to achieve the set objectives. The outcome of the meeting was to establish a Task Force to facilitate and monitor the following initiatives;

(i) information outreach and reach out programmes;

(ii) showcasing of successful/proven technologies and

(iii) exploratory time targeted studies/development programmes.