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Title: The Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution laid a statement regarding National Policy for Farmers, 2007.

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): Sir, I am glad to inform the House that the Government has approved the National Policy for Farmers, 2007. The Policy is primarily based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Farmers chaired by Prof. M.S. Swaminathan. The Terms of Reference of the Commission, *inter alia*, included methods of enhancing productivity, profitability and sustainability of the major farming systems in different agro-climatic regions of the country and suggesting measures to attract and retain educated youth in farming and working out a comprehensive medium term strategy for food and nutrition security.

2 Based on the draft policy suggested by the Commission and the comments and suggestions received from various Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments, the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 has been formulated and approved by the Government of India. The policy, *inter alia*, aims to improve the economic viability of farming by substantially improving the net income of farmers in addition to improving productivity, profitability, land, . water and support services and provide appropriate price policy, risk management measures, etc. In order to operationalise the Policy, the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation will constitute an Inter-Ministerial Committee for preparing a suitable plan of action for the purpose,

3 I hereby lay the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 on the Table of the House and hope that the new Policy would help in rejuvenating our farm sector and bringing lasting improvement in the economic condition of the farmers.

* Laid on the Table and also placed in Library. See No. LT 7333/2007

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दक्षिण दिल्ली) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस विषय पर पूरी चर्चा होनी चाहिए क्योंकि किसानों द्वारा आत्महत्याएं की जा रही हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं तो इसके लिए तैयार हूं। Hon. Members will no doubt give notices.

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श्री रामजीलाल सुमन (फ़िरोज़ाबाद) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, इस पर चर्चा होनी चाहिए।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैंने तो कहा है कि मैं चर्चा करवाने के लिए तैयार हूं, लेकिन आप उसके लिए नोटिस तो दीजिए।