

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3551**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018  
6, CHAITRA 1940 (SAKA)**

**TAX ON AGRICULTURAL INCOME**

**3551. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU:**

Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to impose tax on agricultural income;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Niti Aayog has recommended for this tax imposition, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the stand of Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)**

- (a)&(b) No sir. There is no such proposal under consideration at present. Under the provisions of the Constitution of India, Central Act cannot levy tax on agricultural income since agriculture is a state subject as it falls under List II of the Seventh Schedule under Article 246. For this reason, exemption to agricultural income has been provided under the Income-tax Act, 1961.
- (c) No sir, no such recommendation has been received from the Niti Aayog.
- (d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

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