

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**THREAT TO AGRICULTURE DUE TO INCREASING URBANIZATION,
INDUSTRIALIZATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**

182. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that due to increasing urbanization, industrialization and infrastructure development in the country, agriculture is under severe threat;
- (b) whether Government has taken steps to save agriculture sector in the country;
- (c) if so, details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d) As per Economic Survey 2022-23, with its solid forward linkages, the agriculture and allied activities sector significantly contributed to the country's overall growth and development by ensuring food security. In 2021-22, there was a record production of foodgrains 315.72 MT and horticulture crops 342.33 MT. In recent years, India has also rapidly emerged as the net exporter of agricultural products. In 2020-21, exports of agriculture and allied products from India grew by 18 per cent over the previous year. During 2021-22, agricultural exports reached an all-time high of US\$ 50.2 billion. This period of buoyant performance could be ascribed to the measures taken by the Government to promote farmer-producer organisations, encourage crop diversification, and improve productivity in agriculture through support provided for mechanisation and the creation of the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.
