

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3022
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2023

STATUS OF INDUSTRY TO AGRICULTURE SECTOR

3022 DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NITI Aayog proposes to accord the status of industry to agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some States have taken initiatives in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) the future action plan of Government on conferring the status to the agriculture sector?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

Point wise reply is as follows:

- (a) No Sir. NITI Aayog has not proposed to accord the Status of industry to Agriculture Sector.
- (b) Does not arise
- (c) NITI Aayog does not have information on decision of any state to accord status of industry to agriculture sector.

(d) Does not arise

(e) No, Sir, NITI Aayog hasn't initiated any plan in this regard, till date. Further, it may be stated that, Agriculture has been a significant contributor to India's economy for centuries. It is the primary source of livelihood for around 60% of the country's population and remains one of the most significant sector for the country's overall socio-economic growth.

In addition, Government of India has launched several initiatives to support the agriculture sector, such as the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), for crop insurance covering the risks and uncertainties that the farm sector is exposed to, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) for income support to farmers, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana-Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied sector Rejuvenation (RKVY-RAFTAAR), Agriculture Infra Fund etc. These initiatives aim to provide Farmers with better access to credit, insurance, and technology, as well as improve their income and standard of living.
