

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 486**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07/02/2025

**COMMITTEE ON ISSUES RELATED TO AGRICULTURE**

486. SHRI RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA

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

- (a) the details of member representatives, terms of reference of the Committee announced to look into issues related to agriculture with representatives from both Central and State Governments;
- (b) the number of meetings held by the Committee since its inception and conclusions made in each meeting; and
- (c) the final recommendations of the Committee and the number of recommendations that have been implemented by Government, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): The Government has constituted a Committee in July, 2022 vide notification no. 3053 dated 18-07-2022 which consists of representatives of farmers, Central Government, adequate representation of State Governments, eminent Agriculture Economists & Scientists etc. The Committee is to make suggestions so as to make Minimum Support Price (MSP) more effective and transparent; to promote natural farming; to change crop pattern keeping in mind the changing needs of the country. The meetings of the Committee are being held on regular basis to deliberate on the subject matters assigned to it. As on date, 6 main meetings and 39 sub-committee meetings have been conducted.

The mandate/terms of reference of the Committee are as follows:

**A) M. S. P.**

1. Suggestions to make available MSP to farmers of the country by making the system more effective and transparent.
2. Suggestions on practicality to give more autonomy to Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and measures to make it more scientific.
3. To strengthen the Agricultural Marketing System as per the changing requirements of the country to ensure higher value to the farmers through remunerative prices of their produce by taking advantage of the domestic and export opportunities.

## **B) Natural Farming**

1. Suggestions for programmes and schemes for value chain development, protocol validation & research for future needs and support for area expansion under the Indian Natural Farming System by publicity and through involvement and contribution of farmer organizations.
2. To suggest strategies for making Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) and other Research & Development institutions as knowledge centres, and introduction of natural farming system curriculum and skill development courses in the Universities & other educational Institutions.
3. To suggest farmer friendly alternative certification system and marketing system for natural farming processes and products.
4. To suggest methods and means for international coordination to strengthen the value chain development of natural farming.
5. Chain of laboratories for organic certification of products produced through natural farming.

## **C. Crop Diversification**

1. Mapping of existing cropping patterns of agro-ecological zones of producer and consumer states.
2. Strategy for diversification policy to change the cropping pattern according to the changing needs of the country.
3. Arrangement for agricultural diversification & system to ensure remunerative prices for the sale of new crops.
4. Review and suggestion on micro irrigation scheme.

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