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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3474
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2019
NITI AAYOG COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL REFORMS

3474. MS. MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NITI Aayog has constituted any task force or committee to suggest reforms in the agriculture sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to implement the reforms suggested by the task force or committee?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): The NITI Aayog has constituted a High Powered Committee of Chief Ministers for "Transformation of Indian Agriculture" in July, 2019. The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Committee are as follows :

(i) to discuss measures for transformation of agriculture and raising farmers' income and suggest modalities for adoption and time bound implementation of following reforms by States/UTs:

(a): The.....State/ Union Territory 'Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2017' (APLM Act, 2017) circulated by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, GoI to States/ UTs.

(b): TheState/Union Territory 'Agricultural Produce and Livestock, Contract Farming and Services (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2018' circulated by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GoI to States/ UTs.

(ii) to examine various provisions of Essential Commodity Act (ECA),1955 and situations that require ECA. To suggest changes in the ECA to attract private investments in agricultural marketing and infrastructure.

(iii) to suggest mechanism for linking of market reforms with e-NAM, GRAM and other relevant Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

(vi) to suggest policy measures to (a) boost agricultural export (b) raise growth in food processing (c) attract investments in modern market infrastructure, value chains and logistics.

(v) to suggest measures to upgrade agri-technology to global standards and improve access of farmers to quality seed, plant propagation material and farm machinery in agriculturally advance countries.

(vi) to propose any other relevant reforms for transformation of agriculture sector and raising farmers' income.

The Committee is yet to submit its report.
