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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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COOPERATION BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether Afghanistan has sought India's expertise in agriculture, seed processing, poultry, fishing and veterinary services, besides agricultural equipment and help in farm sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)-(c) Government of India is committed to offer assistance in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Afghanistan. During the visit of H.E. Hamid Karzai, Chairman of the Afghan Interim Administration, to India on 26-27 February 2002, the areas of Health, Education, Information Technology, Industrial Development, Public Transport and Training were identified for bilateral cooperation. In addition, government is also examining other proposals for assistance, including in the agricultural and farm sectors.