

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the percentage of rise in the prices of major agricultural inputs during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000;
- (b) the percentage of rise in the support price of major foodgrains during this period; and
- (c) the percentage of rise in the production of foodgrains during the aforesaid period?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) A statement showing percentage of rise in the prices of major agricultural inputs during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is enclosed (Annexure-I).

(b) A statement showing percentage rise in the support price of major foodgrains is also enclosed (Annexure-II).

(c) The production of foodgrains which increased by 5.61 per cent during 1998-99 is likely to fall by 0.73 per cent in 1999-2000. Annexure-I

Percentage of rise in the wholesale price index of major agricultural Inputs as on 25.03.2000 over the corresponding period of earlier years.

Item	Percentage Rise	
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	29.03.1999 over 28.03.1998	25.03.2000 over 27.03.1999
Fodder	-20.1	31.3
H.S. Diesel Oil	-8.2	41.2
Light Diesel Oil	-7.3	58.6
Lubricant	4.8	
Electricity for Agriculture	5.2	
Cattle Feed	9.0	13.0
Fertilizer	3.9	8.4
Pesticides	0.2	0.2
Non-Elec. Mach & Parts	3.9	1.0
Tractor Components		

( ) Denotes steady trend.

Annexure-II

Percentage of rise in the support price of major foodgrains.

Crop	Percentage Rise	
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1998-99 1999-2000

Paddy - Common	6.0	11.4
Paddy - Grade 'A'	5.6	10.6
Jowar	8.3	6.4
Bajra	8.3	6.4
Maize	8.3	6.4
Ragi	8.3	6.4
Wheat	7.8	5.5
Barley	10.0	11.7
Tur (Arhar)	6.7	15.1
Moong	6.7	15.1
Urad	6.7	15.1
Gram	9.8	13.4