

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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OILPALM PROCESSING PLANTS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to provide heavy subsidy for machinery required for oil palm processing plants like tractors, power tillers etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): At present, the Central Government does not provide heavy subsidy for tractors and power tillers etc; for oil palm processing plants. However, under the Scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture, subsidy is available on tractors and power tillers as given below:-

- (i) Tractors upto 35 PTO HP:- 25% of the cost or Rs.30,000/- whichever is lower per tractor.
- (ii) Power tillers of 8-15 HP fitted with Rotavator- 25% of the cost or Rs.30,000/- whichever is lower per tiller.

Further, under the Central Sector Scheme entitled `R&D in Post Harvest Technology in Oilseedspulses and Maize` among others a project for `Setting up of 4 demonstration units of palm oil mill`, each of 2.5 tonnes fresh fruit bunches (FFB) per hour capacity, one each in the States of Goa, Gujarat, Orissa and Tamil Nadu was approved in IX Plan.Of which, one each in the States of Goaand Gujarat have been commissioned and two, one each in the State of Orissa and Tamil Nadu, areunder implementation. The subsidy for these Palm Oil Mills demonstration units is provided @60% of the project cost or Rs.240.00 lakhs per such demonstration unit for plant and equipment whichever is lower, based on technology developed by Regional Research Laboratory-Trivandrum.