

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2931  
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DEVELOPMENT OF COMPRESSING MACHINES BY IARI  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi has developed compressing machines for fodder to make it convenient for transport, and storage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of subsidies and financing arrangement made to popularise these machines and other infrastructure required?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the feed block formation machine are as follows:

Capacity of the machine: 200-250 kg/hour  
Electric power Required 25 hp.  
Feed block size 20 x 20 cm x variable thickness  
Feed block density 400 kg/m<sup>3</sup>  
Price : Rs. 5.50 lakh  
Cost of operation Rs. 380/ton.  
Area Required 200 m<sup>2</sup> (convered)  
Number of persons needed to operate the machine One  
the machine

(c) The machine is being produced revolving fund scheme of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and supplied to indenture on cost basis.