

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MANURE AND SEED AT LOWER PRICES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers of various States are not getting manure and seeds at lower prices;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government proposes to give special package to ensure that the manure and seeds become available to farmers at concessional prices in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): Most of the organic manures like farm yard manure, compost and green manures are prepared by the farmers on their own farm. The Government is providing financial assistance for augmenting production, promotion and use of different types of organic manures like city compost, vermicompost and bio-fertilizer under different schemes. As regards the chemical fertilizers, the Government is providing subsidy/concession on chemical fertilizers to ensure its availability at reasonable prices to farmers. There has been no increase in prices of fertilizers since 28.2.2002.

Regarding seeds, the Government is also providing subsidy for production and distribution of seeds of different crops under various schemes.