

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide fertiliser subsidy directly to the farmers from the next financial year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the provisions made to ensure that the dry land farmers including of Vidarbha region who use very little chemical fertilisers due to paucity of water during most of the seasons and farmers who adopt organic farming would be benefited from such new subsidy norms?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There is no proposal to provide fertilizer subsidy directly to the farmers from the next financial year. The nutrient based subsidy, effective from 01-04-2010, will be released through the industry in the first phase.

(c): There is no specific provision for dryland farmers including Vidarbha region who use little chemical fertilizers and the farmers who adopt organic farming. However, there is provision under the centrally sponsored National Project on Management of Soil Health & Fertility for promotion of organic manuring with assistance @ Rs.500 per hectare.