

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FOOD SUBSIDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the food subsidy and to assist in supplying of quality seeds; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

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): Food subsidy is provided by the Department of Food and Public Distribution to meet the difference between economic cost of food grains and their sales realization at Central Issue Price fixed for Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes (OWS), Food subsidy depends on the level of procurement of foodgrains and its off take under TPDS & OWS. Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has supported to the farmers for distribution of quality seed of Cereals and Pulses crops to enhance the production and productivity of these crops through on-going Crop Development programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice/Wheat/ Coarse Cereals (Except Maize) Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals) under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMA) & Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), seed subsidy has been increased for wheat and rice from Rs.500/- to Rs.700/- per quintal, for pulses from Rs.1200 to Rs.2000/- per quintal and Jowar and Bajra from Rs.800 to Rs.1000/- per quintal for Rabi 2009-10 season.