

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2626

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SUBSIDY TO FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether subsidy to farmers in the country is low as compared to others countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to grant per hectare subsidy to the farmers as provided in developed countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has decreased the subsidy to farmers in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government for awareness campaign about subsidies provided and for its more effective implementation?

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): Yes, Madam.

(b): The subsidies provided by the United States, European Communities and Japan to their Agriculture as per their notifications to WTO are given below.

	United States of America	European Communities	Japan
	(USD Million)	(Euro Million)	(Billion Yen)

	2005	2006	2007	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2004	2005	2006
Current Total	12937	7742	6259	30880	31214	28427	608	593	571
AMS (Amber Box)									

	Measure Exempt from reduction	71829	76035	76162	22074	24390.6	40280.2	2098	1916	1802
Commitment (Green Box)										

	Measures exempt from reduction	NA	NA	NA	24782	27236	13445	68	65	70
commitment - Direct Payments under production Limiting Programme (Blue Box)										

NA: Not Available

The Subsidies given by India to Agriculture are as under;

Years 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 At current prices, Rs. Crore 67693 87708 160917 In U.S Million Doller 14933.38 21241.95 37060.57 (Average Exchange Rate used)

Source: CSO. These include fertiliser, electricity, irrigation and other subsidies. Electricity subsidy includes all subsidies given to electricity Boards and corporations.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Subsidy provided by the Government to farmers depends on its ability to provide that Subsidy and also on commitments made under WTO. However, preference is given to small and marginal farmers in most Schemes of the Department.

(e): No, Madam.

(f): Does not arise,

(g): The Government is implementing various schemes like Mass Media Support to Agriculture, Kisan Call Centres etc., for providing information on various schemes/programmes of the Government including provision of subsidies for the development of the agricultural Sector.