

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DIESEL SUBSIDY TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided diesel subsidy to the farmers during the current kharif season; and
- (b) if so, the total amount of diesel subsidy provided by the Government during the current year, State-wise?

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): The Government decided to provide financial assistance to the State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations who decided to introduce diesel subsidy for the farmers to enable them to provide supplementary irrigation through diesel pump-sets in drought and deficit rainfall affected areas to protect the standing crops. Accordingly, a scheme of 'Diesel Subsidy' was introduced during Kharif 2010 (14-07-2010 to 30-09-2010), on the pattern of similar scheme implemented during Kharif 2009 and necessary guidelines and modalities of implementation were intimated to all State Governments/UT Administrations. The respective State Governments/UT Administrations have been requested to implement the scheme and it has been decided to reimburse the Government of India's share of subsidy to them. The Government of India's contribution is limited to maximum of Rs.10/- per litre of diesel or Rs.625/- per hectare, subject to maximum of 2 hectares per farmer irrespective of the size of holding.

No claims for reimbursement of Government of India's share of subsidy have so far been received from any State/UT Administration.