

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide subsidies to farmers directly;
- (b) whether in view of all round rising inflation the Government is also considering to increase the quantum of subsidies to farmers; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a): In order to ensure greater efficiency, cost effectiveness and better delivery of subsidies, Finance Minister has announced in his budget speech for 2011-12 that the Government will move towards direct transfer of cash subsidy to people living below poverty line in a phased manner.

(b) & (c): Cost norms of components under various schemes are revised from time to time to keep pace with increase in prices.