

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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COST OF CULTIVATION  
Reddy Shri Modugula Venugopala

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

- (a) whether the cost of cultivation of seeds has gone up over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof. State-wise and crop-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that small and marginal farmers have access to quality seeds at remunerative prices?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes. Madam. The cost of inputs for agricultural operations has increased over the years. There has been increase in the cost of labour, inputs like source seed, fertilizers, pesticides and chemicals, petrol & diesel, agricultural machineries and equipments over the years. Further, seed certification charges, cost of rouging, harvesting, threshing, drying and seed processing operations and transportation charges have increased over the years. The State-wise and crop wise cost cultivation for seed production is not estimated.

(c): The Government provides assistance under various crop development programmes and the details are at Annexure.