

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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RISE IN PRICE OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the price of agricultural equipments have shown an increasing trend during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, equipment- wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to arrest the price rise?

**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) to (c): Agricultural implements are of wide varieties & sizes and large number of manufacturers both in organized and unorganized sectors located across the country are involved in manufacturing of the same. Also, price of agricultural equipment vary from state to state depending upon demand and supply situation, type of crops, location of manufacturers etc. This makes it difficult to compete and compare the prices of agricultural equipments on national level. A wide range of raw materials like cast iron, steel, aluminum, copper, nickel, sheet metal etc, are used in manufacturing of agricultural equipments and price of these raw materials have gone up. However, the Government has taken measures such as waiving of Excise duty on all agricultural implements and subsidy to farmers for the purchase of different agricultural equipments under various Government schemes has increased from the year 2007-08.