

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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COST OF FARM EQUIPMENTS AND FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cost of fertilizers, farm equipments, seeds and other inputs have increased manifold during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the cost of farm produce has not increased in consonance with the increase in the cost of production; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to compensate farmers in this regard?

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): No, Madam. The index numbers of wholesale prices for agricultural inputs do not indicate manifold increase in cost of various inputs including fertilizers, farm equipment, seeds etc. during last three years.
- (c) & (d): The Government fixes the minimum support price (MSP) for various agricultural commodities inter-alia taking into account the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Cost and Prices.