

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY ON VEGETABLE FARMING  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have announced a 50% subsidy on vegetable farming to boost production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to each State in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): During 2011-12, Government has launched a new programme on Vegetable Initiative for Urban Clusters (VIUC) with an outlay of Rs 300 crore, within the overall aegis of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). The Scheme is being implemented in one city each of 29 States which is either the State capital or any other city with a population of over one million. If there is no city which satisfies these criteria, then other urban cluster closer to one million populations has been selected for the purpose. Initially, the programme will be implemented for a period of one year (2011-12). Main objective of the Scheme is to enhance production and productivity of vegetables duly addressing all concerns related to demand and supply side of the vegetable sector in selected cities.

The Scheme covers all aspects relating to formation of farmers' groups/ association, training/capacity building of farmers, linking farmers group with financial institutions and aggregators/markets, vegetable production and supply to urban centers starting from planting material to marketing to retail level. Under the scheme, assistance is being provided to farmers for cultivation of vegetables @75% of cost of cultivation in open field condition and 50% of cost of cultivation in protected condition. Assistance is also being provided for conducting baseline survey, formation of farmers' group, production of vegetable seeds and seedlings, development of seed infrastructure, promotion of integrated nutrient management/integrated pest management, adoption of organic farming with certification, training of farmers, creation of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing.

(c): State wise details of amount sanctioned and funds released during 2011-12 are given at Annexure