

**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) the financial assistance/subsidy provided to the farmers in the country during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the amount of subsidy/financial assistance provided to the Indian farmers is substantially low as compared to that of developed countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor during the said period;and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): The subsidies to farmers are provided under numerous components of various Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Government of India, Similarly, State Government also provide financial assistance to farmers. Composite state wise data on financial assistance/subsidies provided to the farmers are not maintained. However, data regarding subsidies provided under different components as part of assistance to farmers are given in the Annexure I.
- (b) & (c): While in the developed countries subsidies are provided to keep inter-sectoral commercial parity and international competitiveness, in the developing countries the aim of subsidies is to bring about structural transformation, i.e., making agriculture sector a modern commercially viable one. The subsidies provided by United States, EU, and Japan to agriculture as per the WTO notifications are enclosed at Annexure II.
- (d): The Government is implementing various schemes like Mass Media Support to agriculture, Kisan Call Centres, etc. for providing information on various schemes/programmes of the Government of India, including provision of subsidies for the development of the agricultural sector.