

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:210
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LOAN TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented for providing loan to the farmers for purchasing tractors;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the cost of tractor increases by approximately Rs. 50,000 if it is purchased through the loan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): Ministry of Agriculture is not implementing any scheme or programme for providing loans to the farmers for purchasing tractors. However, the Ministry is currently providing financial assistance in form of subsidy up to 25% of the cost or Rs.45, 000/-whichever is less to eligible farmers for purchasing tractors upto 40 HP capacity under central sector scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA). This form of assistance is provided through respective State Governments.
- (b): The Ministry is not aware of any empirical data or study that indicates that cost of tractor increases by approximately Rs. 50,000/- if it purchased through loan.
- (c)&(d): Does not arise in view of (a) and (b).