

**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) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy on diesel, seeds and other items to the farmers including small and marginal farmers to mitigate the hardships being faced by them in the country due to deficient rainfall and drought situation in the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether subsidy provided to farmers in the country is low in comparison to that of the United States of America and other developed countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the corrective measures taken/ proposed to be 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) & (b): Due to deficient rainfall and drought situation in the current year, Government of India has introduced the "Diesel Subsidy Scheme" with a view to provide irrigation through diesel pumpsets to save the standing crops and to mitigate the hardships of farmers, especially that of small and marginal farmers in the country.

Ceiling on seeds subsidy has also been enhanced from Rs.500 per quintal to Rs.700 per quintal in respect of cereals, from Rs.1200 per quintal to Rs.2000 per quintal in respect of pulses and oilseeds and from Rs.800 per quintal to Rs.1000 per quintal in respect of coarse cereals with a view to provide relief to farmers.

(c) to (e): The details of the support provided by the United States of America and other developed countries viz. European Union (EU) to their farmers during the last three years, as per their notifications made to World Trade Organization (WTO) and that of India are annexed.