

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY ON PULSE SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has discontinued the subsidy being given on seeds of pulses;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether such a move would put economic burden on the farmers;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to reconsider its decision and continue the subsidy in view of the increase in the agricultural cost and rise in prices; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam. Under the National Food Security Mission-Pulses (NFSM- Pulses) assistance is being provided for various interventions including distribution of certified seeds of pulses @ Rs.22/- per kg on the seed of varieties less than 10 years of age and Rs.12/- per kg on older than 10 years of age.
- (b) & (c): During 2012-13 the production subsidy on pulses has been clubbed with distribution subsidy in order to provide benefit directly to the farmers, which will reduce the economic burden to the farmers.
- (d) & (e): In fact the subsidy of seed distribution on pulses has increased from Rs.12/- per kg to Rs.22/- per kg during 2012-13 with a total outlay of Rs.107.61 crores.