

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRICES OF AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce any special scheme to encourage small and marginal farmers to take up mechanisation based farm activities suitable for their small holdings;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether price of agriculture equipments/tools has increased during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) if so, whether the small and marginal farmers are unable to purchase expensive agricultural tools;
- (e) if so, whether the Government proposes to take steps to provide such facilities through agricultural cooperative societies under Customer Hire Centre (CHC) scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Agriculture is currently providing financial assistance to farmers including small and marginal farmers for procurement of various agricultural equipment under following major schemes:

- (i) Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA);
- (ii) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY);
- (iii) National Food Security Mission (NFSM); and
- (iv) National Horticulture Mission (NHM).

List of eligible equipment and pattern of assistance is at Annexure - A.

(c) to (f): The price of agriculture equipments/tools follows normal inflationary trend. However, there is no empirical evidence to ascertain that small and marginal farmers are not able to purchase agricultural tools and equipment. Notwithstanding, for accelerating growth in farm mechanization and extending its benefits to economically disadvantaged farmers too, Ministry of Agriculture is already providing financial assistance under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to agriculture cooperative societies, NGOs, progressive farmers etc. for establishment of Machinery Banks for Custom Hiring Centre.