

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRICES OF POULTRY PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the poultry prices rise due to high feed cost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the impact of such hike on the poultry farmers and its industry; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to control the rise of poultry prices?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

(a) to (c) There are no specific studies available to correlate poultry price rise to increase in feed cost or impact of price hike on poultry farmers and its industry. However, it is generally known that the increase in prices of feed ingredients would raise cost of production. It is also known that increased cost of production may result in decreased margin of profit for poultry farmers or reduced demand and uptake of poultry products.

(d) Various measures are taken by Government from time to time to stabilize poultry feed prices. Recently, in August- September 2012, Government of India has allowed import of de-oiled soya extract, groundnut oil cake/ oil cake meal, sunflower oil cake/ oil cake meal, canola oil cake/ oil cake meal, mustard oil cake/ oil cake meal and maize bran at zero duty to improve supplies to feed industry and stabilize feed cost. As per available information, cost of feed ingredients like soyabean and maize have come down during the last three months.