

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CASH SUBSIDY TO FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide cash/direct subsidy on agricultural inputs to farmers;
- (b) if so, the details and the salient features of the scheme thereof;
- (c) whether subsidy to farmers in the country is very 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 measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide subsidy to farmers similar to that of USA and other developed countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): In the present roll out of Aadhar number linked Direct Cash Transfer scheme, agricultural inputs are not covered.

(c) to (e): India's domestic support to Agriculture in 2003 was US\$ 14.91 billion compared to United States of America's figure of US\$ 70.65 billion during the same year. India's domestic support for period after 2003 has not been notified to World Trade Organization (WTO).