

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6645  
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2013  
REVIVAL PACKAGE TO POULTRY INDUSTRY  
Adhi Sankar Shri

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Egg coordination Committee has urged the Union Government to extend a revival package for the poultry industry as it is facing the worst crisis due to an unprecedented rise in the price of poultry feed, raw material like soya meal and maize;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that maize prices has increased from Rs. 1170 to Rs. 1630 per quintal and the price of soya meal has increased from Rs. 1821 to Rs. 3512 per quintal;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to extend the revival package to this sector to overcome the present crisis?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Government has received a petition from National Egg Coordination Committee citing severe crisis due to abnormal increase of prices of Maize and Soya, which are the main poultry feed ingredients.

Various measures are sought in the representation of NECC, like moratorium for a period of one year on repayment of term loans availed by the poultry industry, rescheduling of outstanding term loans, grant of 6% interest subvention for 2-3 years, additional working capital loans, allocation of damaged wheat and rice by Food Corporation of India for exclusive use of poultry farmers, and import of soya meal by farmers at zero rate of customs duty.

(c) to (e) The prices of both soya and maize have fluctuated during the last year and as per the Price Monitoring Cell, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, wholesale Mandi rates as on last week of April (25th April 2013) current prices for maize and soybean seed show increase of around 5% and 21% respectively over last year. In August, 2012, to bring down the cost of feed ingredients, Government of India has brought the standard rates of import duty to nil upto 31st March, 2013 in case 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. Import duty on maize bran has also been waived in September, 2012. Further, Government of India in July 2011, has included State Departments and agencies having poultry feed manufacturing plants to be eligible for open bidding (tender/ auction) for feed category stocks of the Food Corporation of India, provided that they confirm to having feed stock manufacturing plants and/or poultry feed manufacturing plants.