

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS,FERTILISERS AND PESTICIDES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to distribute seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, etc. free of cost to the farmers who have been affected by drought and flood in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to check the escalating prices of seeds, pesticides and fertilisers in order to make the agriculture-sector more remunerative;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a) & (b): Government of India has no proposal for distribution of fertilizers and pesticides free of cost to the farmers. However, allocation of seed minikits of oilseed, pulses and maize has been increased from Rs. 30.04 crore in Rabi 2008-09 to Rs. 77.39 crore in Rabi 2009-10 for supply to the farmers free of cost.
- (c) to (e): The Government has already fixed the statutory price of Urea and is providing subsidy on major fertilizers. There is no statutory control on prices of seeds and pesticides. However, for effective management of drought the upper ceiling distribution subsidy on certified seeds has been enhanced.