

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FERTILISER SUBSIDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the increase in foodgrains production and productivity is not commensurate with rise in the fertilizer subsidy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage increase in the foodgrains production and productivity and subsidy provided for fertilizers in each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) where the subsidy provided for fertilizers has failed in helping an increase in the growth rate of agriculture; and
- (e) if so, reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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) to (c): The percentage increase in food production and fertilizer subsidy is as follows:

Years	Foodgrain	Fertilizer Subsidy
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2006-07	4.16%	41.82%
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2007-08	6.21%	55.43%
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2008-09	1.34%	146.56%
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2009-10	2.23% (Targeted)	-42.63%
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The requirement of fertilizers subsidy for last few years has risen sharply, partially due to increase in consumption of fertilizers and mainly due to sharp increase in price of fertilizer inputs and finished fertilizers.

(d) & (e): Fertilizer is one of the inputs critical for agricultural production besides other inputs such as seeds, pesticides, irrigation facilities etc. The Government has constituted a Group of Ministers for review of the Fertilizer Policy including examination of nutrient based subsidy policy towards inter alia higher agricultural productivity and production for food security.