

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES UNDER MACRO MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated a new scheme under the Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) for the benefit of small and marginal farmers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the scheme, Statewise;
- (c) whether any representation has been received from different States including hill States like Himachal Pradesh for allowing subsidy on light weight tractors/ power tillers for the benefit of small and marginal farmers;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the time by which a final decision on the issue is likely to be taken?

**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): Under the Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme, the funds are released to the State Governments on the basis of the Work Plans furnished by the State Governments. The scheme provides sufficient flexibility to the States to develop and pursue the agricultural programmes on the basis of their regional priorities. Under the revised MMA scheme, practice of allocating funds to States/ UTs on historical basis has been replaced by a new allocation criteria based on gross cropped area and area under small and marginal holdings. Also under the revised MMA at least 33% of the allocation would have to be made for small, marginal and women farmers.

(c) to (e): No representation has been received from any of the States (including Himachal Pradesh) for allowing subsidy on light weight tractors/power tillers for the benefit of small and marginal farmers of Hill States. However, it is informed that the scheme provides a cafeteria approach to the States. Depending upon their priorities, States can select the appropriate components and include the same in their Work Plans.

(f): Does not arise.