

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4003
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INCREASE IN PRICES OF POULTRY FEED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether poultry producers are facing hardship due to rise in prices of poultry feed including soyabean and maize;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken by the Government to ensure availability of poultry feed at affordable prices;
- (d) whether requests from several States have been received by the Union Government for setting up Poultry Process Zone in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) to (c): This Department has not received representation regarding hardship faced by poultry producers due to rise in prices of poultry feed. However, Compound Livestock Feed Manufacturers Association (CLFMA of India) has informed about rise in price of feed ingredients viz. soyabean and maize. Food Corporation of India is disposing, through tender sale, stocks of maize, bajra, jowar and ragi procured by State Governments which are not required for distribution under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) or Other Welfare Schemes (OWS). Government periodically considers banning exports of maize for a brief period to increase its domestic availability depending upon prevailing market situation. As a long-term measure, Technology Mission on Oilseeds, Pulses and Maize is focusing towards increasing yield and quality of maize and oilseeds.

(d) No Madam

(e) Question does not arise.