

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY TO FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) The details of subsidy provided by the Government to the farmers/agricultural sector during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) Whether the subsidy being provided to the farmers/ agricultural sector in our country is less than the other developing countries;
- (c) If so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) The steps taken/ being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

Minister of State for Finance: SHRI JAYANT SINHA

- (a) Details of subsidy provided by Government is as under:

(Rs.. in crores)

	Actual 2012-13	Actual 2013-14	Revised 2014-15	Budget 2015-16
Fertilizer	65613	67339	70967	72969
Interest Subvention	5400	6000	9477	13000

(Source: Statement No. 4&5 ,Exp.Bud Vol I for the year 2014-15 & 2015-16)

Beside this, under the existing schemes of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, there are provisions for supply of seeds, plant protection chemicals, nutrients including secondary, micro & bio-nutrients, agriculture machinery and equipments etc. at subsidized rates to the farmers in the country.

- (b) to (d) As per data notified to World Trade Organization (WTO), there has been a decline in Aggregate Measurement of Support (AMS) in the USA and EU. However, in case of Japan there is slight increase. The latest date in respects of India is not available for comparison.