

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Subsidy on Agricultural Equipments
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is granting loan and subsidy to farmer for purchasing various agricultural implements, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has identified the agricultural equipment which are effective in saving water and ensuring better agriculture produce but which cannot be afforded by the farmers and need to be subsidised, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and
- (c) whether the Government has identified the various ways of promoting and encouraging the farmers to use these implements which will result in increase of production and yield and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Financial assistance in the form of subsidy to the farmers for purchase of various agricultural implements under various schemes of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare viz. Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) is provided through State Governments. The subsidy for purchase of various agricultural implements is provided in all the above scheme to the extent of 25 to 50 %.

The banks are also providing loan to farmers for purchase of various agricultural implements at an interest rate as fixed by RBI/Banks.

(b): Laser guided land leveler and raised bed planters are available which help in saving of irrigation water. The laser guided land leveler helps in fine leveling of fields and results in saving of irrigation water by 20-30%. To promote these equipments 25 % to 50 % subsidy is being provided under various schemes of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare. The other agricultural equipments which are effective in saving water such as Drip

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and Sprinkler irrigation systems are being promoted under "Per Drop More Crop" component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY). Under the scheme, 35% to 60 % subsidy is being provided subject to the ceiling of 5 hectare per beneficiary for installation of micro irrigation systems . In addition, a check basin former has also developed by Mahatama Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri, Maharashtra centre which is useful for moisture conservation under dry land agriculture.

(c): The Farm Machinery Training & Testing Institutes and also the State Governments organize various training programmes on selection, operation, repair & maintenance of agricultural machines & equipments. Demonstrations of the modern agricultural machinery & equipment are also undertaken on farmer's fields. The other various ways and steps taken for dissemination of information to encouraging the farmers to use the implements across the country include setting up of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) and Agricultural Technology Management Agencies (ATMAs) at district level. In addition the farmers are provided information through focused Publicity Campaigns, Kisan Call Centres (KCCs), Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres (ACABC) of entrepreneurs, Agri Fairs and exhibitions, Kisan SMS Portal, Kisan Vani & Krishi Darshan are run through All India Radio/Doordarshan/DD Kisan TV Channel and Community Radio Stations & also from all public & prominent Private TV channels. In addition to this, various print advertisements for the same purpose are published from time to time for the awareness of farmers. Farmers can also seek advice from Kisan Call Centre on Toll free No. 1800-180-1551.
