

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS PESTICIDES FERTILISERS TO FARMERS

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

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Kerala regarding free distribution of seeds, pesticides, fertilizers, etc. to its farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any mechanism to check the escalating prices of seeds, pesticides and fertilizers in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to keep the prices of seeds, pesticides and fertilizers under control?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): There is no provision in the existing seed legislation to regulate the seed prices. However, production and distribution of seeds of major crops are mostly undertaken by PSUs which ensure a reasonable price for seeds to the farmers.

Pesticides market is largely industry driven, and the prices are market regulated.

In fertilizer sector, the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) of urea is statutorily fixed by the Government and sold to farmers at a subsidized rate. At present, the MRP of Rs.5360 per MT (Plus sales tax and other local taxes wherever levied) with effect from 1st November, 2012.