

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE FOR HORTICULTURE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is considering to increase the seed subsidy, providing additional assistance for horticulture crops and waiving the import duty on oil cakes to tackle monsoon deficit in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, along with the necessary action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has approved the following interventions viz;

(i) Enhancement of ceiling of seed subsidy to partially recompense the farmer for the additional expenditure incurred in re-sowing and/or purchasing appropriate varieties of seeds in drought notified/deficit rainfall districts. Accordingly, revised seed subsidy valid till 31.3.2015 is as follows:-

Crop	Revised subsidy (Rs./Qtl) #	
Rice Hybrid	7500	
Rice High yielding variety seeds (HYVs)	1500	1500
Wheat HYVs`	1500	
Coarse Cereals Hybrid	7500	
Coarse Cereals HYVs	2250	
Pulses HYVs	3750	
Oilseed Hybrid	3750	
Oilseed HYVs	1800	

# or 50% of cost whichever is less

(ii) Implementation of drought mitigating interventions on perennial horticulture crops with an additional allocation of Rs.700 crore under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH);

(iii) Implementation of Additional Fodder Development Programme (AFDP) as a sub- scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

(iv) Waiver of duty on import of de-oiled soya extract, groundnut oil cake, sunflower oil cake, canola oil meal, mustard oil cake, rice bran and palm kernel cake to increase availability of animal feed ingredients.