

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF FERTILIZERS SEEDS AND PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing fertilizers, seeds and pesticides to the farmers at a reasonable price in the various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the quantity of fertilizers, seeds and pesticides provided to the farmers in Rajasthan during the current financial year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy to the farmers on diesel and electricity also; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the criteria likely to be adopted by the Government for providing subsidy?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): Urea and P&K fertilisers are made available to the farmers at subsidized prices. Urea is provided to the farmers at a statutory MRP of Rs. 5360/MT. In case of P&K fertilisers, Government provides subsidy to the fertiliser companies to make available these fertilisers at subsidized prices to the farmers. Details of subsidy given on P&K fertilisers are shown at Annexure I. Government assists the State Governments and seed producing agencies for seed related activities through various schemes/programmes such as National Food Security Mission, National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology. Prices of pesticides are determined by the market forces. Details regarding availability of fertilisers, certified seeds and pesticides in Rajasthan during the current financial year are given at Annexure II.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no scheme being implemented for providing diesel subsidy to the farmers. In case of electricity, State Governments are empowered to grant subsidy to any consumer under Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003. A special support through cross subsidy may be given to the consumers in accordance with the principles of Tariff Policy.