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### Subsidy to Agricultural sector

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total subsidy given to agricultural sector during the last three year;

(b) whether the amount of subsidy being provided to the farmers is adequate;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps being taken to increase the subsidy;

(e) whether there is any provision of treating the agricultural sector as an industry in the draft Agriculture Policy Resolution;

(f) if so, the manner in which Indian farmers are likely to be benefited by adoption of the proposal; and

(g) the time by which it is likely to be

implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVINDNETAM): (a) Total subsidy given to Agriculture Sector during the last three years which includes fertilizers, food, electricity and irrigation is as follows:

	<i>(Rs. crore)</i>
1990-91	11355
1991-92	17086
1992-93	8600(excluding electricity and irrigation)

(b) to (d). Compared to the amount of subsidies being offered by developed countries, the subsidies to farmers in India is quite low. The future strategy would be to augment public investment in agricultural infrastructure rather than increasing the element of subsidies.

(e) to (d). The draft agriculture policy Resolution envisages creation of a positive trade and investment climate for agriculture at par with industry. The objective of Government policy will be to develop effective system and bestow similar benefits on agriculture as exist in industry. The objective of the draft Agriculture Policy Resolution is to accelerate all-round development and economic viability of agriculture including horticulture, livestock, fisheries and sericulture and infuse new dynamism through public investments in infrastructural development and much greater impetus for private investments. The draft Agriculture Policy Resolution has already been placed before Parliament.