

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:21

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PROBLEMS FACED BY FARMERS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether hike in prices of fertilizers, diesel, power, seeds and insecticides has adversely affected on farmers and production of foodgrains; and

(b) if so, the remedial measures taken/being taken by the Government to check this situation and help farmers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)&(b): The production of foodgrains during 1999-2000 is estimated at an all time record of 205.91 million tonnes compared to 203.04 million tonnes during 1998-99. The hike in prices of inputs is duly taken into account, at the time of fixation of Minimum Support Prices of major agricultural commodities , so as to neutralize their effect. Besides the Government also gives subsidies on various inputs and takes other related steps to promote the cause of agriculture and the farmers.