

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FARM SUBSIDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to provide subsidies for farm products;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the steps being initiated by the Government to push farm products and agricultural growth?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)to(c): Subsidies are provided to the agricultural sector under various schemes by both the Central and State Governments for benefiting the farmers. Details of the subsidies provided since 1999-00 to 2003-04 are given in the Annexure.

Annexure

Subsidies provided to Agriculture Sector

S. No.	Item	Rs. in Crore 1999-2000 (Actuals)	2000-01 (RE)	2001-02 (RE)	2002-03 (RE)	2003-04 (RE) (+)
1.	Fertilizer (Total)	13244	13800	12595	11015	11847
1.1	Indeginous Fertilizer	8670	9480	8044	7790	8521
1.2	Imported Fertilizer	74	1	47		
1.3	Sale of decontrolled fertilizer with concession to farmers	4500	4319	4504	3225	3326
2.	Electricity\$	4276	6056	9342	7354	NA
3.	Irrigation##	11487	13756	14602	15401	13627
4.	Other subsidies given to marginal farmers and Farmers` Cooperative Societies in the form of seeds, development of oil seeds, pulses etc.	1937	927	979	1259	

Source: 1. Fertilizers and other subsidies given to marginal farmers: Expenditure Budget 2004-05, Vol. I of Central Government.

2. Electricity & Irrigation : Central Statistical Organization NA: Not available.

\$: Includes all subsidies to Electricity Boards and Corporations, Separate estimates of Electricity subsidy accountable exclusively to agricultural sector are not available

##: The rates for supply of water to farmers are kept low as a matter of policy, resulting in losses to the Government irrigation system. The excess of operating costs over the gross revenue is treated as imputed.

+: Quick estimates.