## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2489 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY, 2018

## **EXPENSIVE AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENTS**

2489. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ‡ãðŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããè be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any case has come to the notice of the Government where the agricultural equipment purchased by farmers from Government subsidized shops or institutions has been found to be more expensive than the agricultural products available at other shops in the market;
- (b) if so, the details of the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) whether there is any provision of sending the subsidy on agricultural equipment into farmers' accounts and if so, the details thereof?

## **ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): To promote farm mechanization in the country Government of India has introduced Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) w.e.f. April 2014. As per the guidelines of SMAM the complete freedom is given to the farmer for procurement of Agricultural machinery as per his/her choice from the approved list of manufacturers.

The subsidy to the farmers is provided through State Governments. To bring the transparency in distribution of agricultural machinery, Government of India has launched the software for online application for subsidy wherein a provision has been made to declare the MRP of agricultural machinery by the manufacture.

(c): Sub Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) is on boarded w.e.f. 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to provide the subsidy through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) into farmer's account or manufacturer's accounts.

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