

(c) The production of pulses during the above period in the country is as under:-

(Million tonnes)

Year	Production	Percentage Change	
		Over 2006-07 %	Annual average %
2006-07	14.20	-	-
2007-08	14.76	3.94	3.94
2008-09	14.57	2.61	(-)1.29
2009-10	14.66	3.24	0.62
2010-11	18.24	28.45	24.42

(d) No, Sir. The cost of production of pulses has not decreased during the period 2008-09 to 2010-11.

Proposals under Feed and Fodder Development Scheme

1866. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR :
SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted six proposals amounting to Rs. 8359 lacs during 2010-11 and 2011-12 under Centrally sponsored Feed and Fodder Development Scheme;

(b) if so, the number of proposals sanctioned and the amount thereof, proposal-wise; and

(c) by when the pending proposals are likely to be sanctioned by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARANDAS MAHANT) : (a) and (b) This Department has received the following proposals during 2010-11 and 2011-12:

Year	Name of the Department	Amount (Rs. in lakh)
2010-11	Animal Husbandry	1573.80
		5123.08
		1152.43
		32.68
	Forest Department	275.00
2011-12	Animal Husbandry	467.50
	Forest Department	275.00

(2) Details of funds released:

Year	Name of the Department	Fund sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)	Fund released (Rs. in lakh)
2010-11	Animal Husbandry	630.43	300.00 (in 2010-11) 330.43 (in 2011-12)
	Forest Department	250.00	250.00
2011-12	Animal Husbandry	2076.083	1038.00

(c) The balance funds will be released on receipt of funds utilization certificate and physical progress report in respect of funds already released.

Subsidy to Farmers for purchasing equipments and modern technology

†1867. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- whether Government provides hundred per cent subsidy to landholding farmers to purchase agricultural equipments and modern technology;
- if so, the details thereof and the details of guidelines/rules in this regard;
- whether funds given by Government to the State Governments for this purpose during last three years have been utilized completely; and
- if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. Ministry of Agriculture does not currently provide hundred per cent subsidy to landholding farmers for purchasing agricultural equipments and modern technology. However, the Ministry is providing financial subsidy ranging from 25% to 50% to farmers for purchasing agricultural machinery and implements under following schemes :-

- Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY);
- National Food Security Mission (NFSM);
- National Horticulture Mission (NHM);
- Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).

Details of funds released by the Ministry and expenditure incurred by State Governments under above schemes that includes financial subsidy for agricultural machinery and implements during 2009-10, 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 are at Annexure [See Appendix 22.5 Annexure No. 8]

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.