

## HDK: NO DOUBLING OF INCOME, BUT EXPENSES UP FOR FARMERS

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THE JDS, which has an alliance with the BJP in the Upper House, on Sunday launched an attack, asking the ruling party where is the doubling of farmers' income it had promised.

JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy, in a series of tweets, said that the government had said it would double the income of farmers by 2022, but the sad reality is that their ex-



penditure has doubled. He said that prices of fertilisers and diesel have gone up and the cost of installing a borewell has shot up. Then, where is the question of doubling of farm

incomes, he said.

He said that it costs ₹1 lakh to 2 lakh to dig a borewell, while the prices of PVC pipes and motor have doubled.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has to answer questions about his government's inability to double farmers' income and also the hike in inputs resulting in an increasing burden for farmers, he said. Modi expresses concern over the plight of farmers, is he sincere, he asked.