

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 121**  
ANSWERED ON THE 06/12/2024

**STEPS TO ENHANCE FARMERS' INCOME**

\*121. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to enhance the income of farmers across the country;
- (b) in what manner the implementation of Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) has contributed to farmers' income growth in the last three years; and
- (c) whether any new initiatives are under consideration to promote alternative income sources such as agri-tourism or allied activities?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a) to (c):        A statement is laid on the Table of the house.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 121 REGARDING “STEPS TO ENHANCE FARMERS’ INCOME” FOR REPLY ON 06/12/2024.**

(a): Government of India’s commitment to farmers and making farming more remunerative have led to adoption of a number of measures starting with designating this Ministry as Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare in 2015 with focus only on farmers. **There has been an Unprecedented enhancement in budget allocation .** In the year 2013-14 the budget allocation of Department of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare was only 21933.50 crore. This has increased by more than 5.59 time to Rs. 122528.77 crore in 2024-25.

Scheme/programmes run by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for overall growth of farmers are as under:

**Central Sector Schemes:**

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
2. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
3. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
4. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
5. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)
6. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
7. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
8. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
9. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE)

**Central Sponsored Schemes:**

National Mission on Natural Farming

**Krishonnati Yojana**

1. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
2. National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil Seeds (NMEO-OS)
3. National Mission on Edible Oil-Oil palm (NMEO-OP)
4. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
5. Digital Agriculture Mission
6. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER)
7. Sub-Mission on Agricultural Extension (SMAE)
8. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing -National Agriculture Market (ISAM-eNAM)
9. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing-Others (ISAM-Others)

**Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)**

1. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- DPR (RKVY-DPR)
2. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)

3. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
4. Soil Health and Fertility
5. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
6. Agroforestry
7. Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)
8. Crop Residue Management (CRM)
9. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)

**(b):** Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for **22 mandated agricultural crops and Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP)** for sugarcane on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned. The 22 mandated crops include 14 Kharif crops viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, tur (arhar), moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum, nigerseed, cotton and 6 Rabi crops viz. wheat, barley, gram, masur (lentil), rapeseed & mustard, safflower and two commercial crops viz. jute and copra.

The Union Budget for **2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep Minimum Support Price (MSP)** at levels of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had increased MSP for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other Commercial crops with a minimum return of 50 percent over all India weighted average cost of production from year 2018-19 onwards. Farmers of the country are benefited from the successful implementation of increased MSP.

Minimum Support Price fixed by the Government during last ten years is given at **Annexure-I** and a summary sheet regarding procurement on MSP and amount paid to farmers is at **Annexure-II**.

#### **Studies to Assess Farmers Income**

- i. The NITI Aayog (erstwhile Planning Commission) has conducted a study entitled “Efficacy of minimum support prices on farmers”, in 2016. The study has found, among other things, that MSP declared by the Government has encouraged 78% of the farmers covered under the study for adopting improved methods of farming such as high yielding varieties of seeds, organic manure, chemical fertilizer, pesticides and improved methods of harvesting etc.
- ii. Indian Council on Agricultural Research (ICAR) has released a compilation of **success stories of 75,000 farmers** who have increased their income more than two times by convergence of schemes being operated by Ministry of Agriculture & FW and the allied Ministries/Departments.

**(c):** Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare as well as other stakeholder Ministries like Ministry of Cooperation, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Department of Fisheries and Ministry of Rural Development etc., have launched various schemes/programmes to make agriculture more remunerative and farmers may get maximum benefit.

Regarding Agri Tourism, there is no proposal under consideration in DA&FW in this regard.

## Annexure-I

**Minimum Support Price  
(Marketing Season-wise)(₹/quintal)**

Sl. No.	Commodities	KMS 2013-14	KMS 2014-15	KMS 2015-16	KMS 2016-17	KMS 2017-18	KMS 2018-19	KMS 2019-20	KMS 2020-21	KMS 2021-22	KMS 2022-23	KMS 2023-24	KMS 2024-25	% increase 2013-14 to 2024-25
	<b>KHARIF CROPS</b>													
1	Paddy (Common)	1310	1360	1410	1470	1550	1750	1815	1868	1940	2040	2183	2300	75.57
	Paddy (Grade 'A')	1345	1400	1450	1510	1590	1770	1835	1888	1960	2060	2203	2320	72.49
2	Jowar (Hybrid)	1500	1530	1570	1625	1700	2430	2550	2620	2738	2970	3180	3371	124.73
	Jowar (Maldandi)	1520	1550	1590	1650	1725	2450	2570	2640	2758	2990	3225	3421	125.07
3	Bajra	1250	1250	1275	1330	1425	1950	2000	2150	2250	2350	2500	2625	110.00
4	Ragi	1500	1550	1650	1725	1900	2897	3150	3295	3377	3578	3846	4290	186.00
5	Maize	1310	1310	1325	1365	1425	1700	1760	1850	1870	1962	2090	2225	69.85
6	Arhar(Tur)	4300	4350	4625	5050	5450	5675	5800	6000	6300	6600	7000	7550	75.58
7	Moong	4500	4600	4850	5225	5575	6975	7050	7196	7275	7755	8558	8682	92.93
8	Urad	4300	4350	4625	5000	5400	5600	5700	6000	6300	6600	6950	7400	72.09
9	Cotton (Medium Staple )	3700	3750	3800	3860	4020	5150	5255	5515	5726	6080	6620	7121	92.46
	Cotton (Long Staple )	4000	4050	4100	4160	4320	5450	5550	5825	6025	6380	7020	7521	88.03
10	Groundnut	4000	4000	4030	4220	4450	4890	5090	5275	5550	5850	6377	6783	69.58
11	Sunflower Seed	3700	3750	3800	3950	4100	5388	5650	5885	6015	6400	6760	7280	96.76
12	Soyabean Yellow	2560	2560	2600	2775	3050	3399	3710	3880	3950	4300	4600	4892	91.09
13	Sesamum	4500	4600	4700	5000	5300	6249	6485	6855	7307	7830	8635	9267	105.93
14	Nigerseed	3500	3600	3650	3825	4050	5877	5940	6695	6930	7287	7734	8717	149.06

	<b>RABI CROPS</b>	<b>RMS 2014- 15</b>	<b>RMS 2015- 16</b>	<b>RMS 2016- 17</b>	<b>RMS 2017- 18</b>	<b>RMS 2018- 19</b>	<b>RMS 2019- 20</b>	<b>RMS 2020- 21</b>	<b>RMS 2021-22</b>	<b>RMS 2022- 23</b>	<b>RMS 2023-24</b>	<b>RMS 2024- 25</b>	<b>RMS 2025-26</b>	<b>% increase 2014- 15 to 2025-26</b>
15	Wheat	1400	1450	1525	1625	1735	1840	1925	1975	2015	2125	2275	2425	73.21
16	Barley	1100	1150	1225	1325	1410	1440	1525	1600	1635	1735	1850	1980	80
17	Gram	3100	3175	3500	4000	4400	4620	4875	5100	5230	5335	5440	5650	82.26
18	Masur	2950	3075	3400	3950	4250	4475	4800	5100	5500	6000	6425	6700	127.12
19	Rapeseed & mustard	3050	3100	3350	3700	4000	4200	4425	4650	5050	5450	5650	5950	95.08
20	Safflower	3000	3050	3300	3700	4100	4945	5215	5327	5441	5650	5800	5940	98.00
	<b>COMMERCIAL CROPS</b>													
		<b>2013- 14</b>	<b>2014- 15</b>	<b>2015- 16</b>	<b>2016- 17</b>	<b>2017- 18</b>	<b>2018- 19</b>	<b>2019- 20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021- 22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023- 24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>% increase 2013- 14 to 2024-25</b>
21	Jute	2300	2400	2700	3200	3500	3700	3950	4225	4500	4750	5050	5335	131.96
		<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>% increase 2013 to 2024</b>
22	Copra (Milling)	5250	5250	5550	5950	6500	7511	9521	9960	10335	10590	10860	11160	112.57
	Copra (ball)	5500	5500	5830	6240	6785	7750	9920	10300	10600	11000	11750	12000	118.18

**Annexure - II**

Summary Sheet						
A	B	C	D	E = D - C	F = E/C*100	G = D / C
Commodity	Variety	2004-14	2014-24	Absolute increase	% Increase	Number of times Increase
<b>Procurement of MSP Crops (In LMT)</b>						
<b>Total Kharif (1)</b>		4678.93	7095.42	2416.49	51.65	1.52
<b>Total Rabi (2)</b>		2302.09	3228.62	926.53	40.25	1.40
<b>Grand Total = (1) + (2)</b>		<b>6981.02</b>	<b>10324.04</b>	<b>3343.02</b>	<b>47.88</b>	<b>1.48</b>
<b>MSP Amount Paid to Farmers (In Rs. Lakhs Crores)</b>						
<b>Total Kharif (1)</b>		4.75	14.04	9.29	195.66	2.96
<b>Total Rabi (2)</b>		2.65	6.50	3.85	145.52	2.46

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