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INCREASE IN MSP

2909 # SHRI GHANSHYAM TIWARI:

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

- (a) the details of the decisions taken by Government in the interest of farmers;
- (b) the number of times the Minimum Support Price (MSP) was increased during the last three years and the amount by which it was increased, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether new schemes are being formulated to increase MSP, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Agriculture being a State Subject, the State Governments take appropriate measures for development of agriculture in the State. However, Government of India supports the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures, budgetary allocation and various schemes/programmes. The various schemes/programmes of the Government of India are meant for the welfare of farmers by increasing production, remunerative returns and income support to farmers. Strategies for increasing farmer incomes include improving crop productivity, reducing cost of production, agricultural diversification, adaptation to climate change for sustainable agriculture and compensation of farmers' losses.

Various reforms and policies focus on higher income for farmers by modernizing and rationalizing use of inputs, to decrease cost, increasing production, remunerative returns, income support, old age security, etc. The Government has substantially enhanced the budget allocation of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare(DA&FW) from Rs. 21933.50 crore during 2013-14 to Rs. 122528.77 crore in 2024-25. List of various programmes/schemes run by Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c): 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 objective of fixing MSP is to ensure farmers receive remunerative prices for their produce, thereby encouraging greater investment and production. It also aims to protect consumer interests by ensuring the availability of supplies at reasonable prices. 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. In addition, MSP for toria and de-husked coconut are also fixed on the basis of MSPs of rapeseed/mustard and copra respectively. While recommending MSPs, CACP considers important factors like cost of production, overall demand-supply conditions, domestic and international prices, inter-crop price parity, terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, the likely effect on the rest of the economy, besides ensuring rational utilization of land, water and other production resources and a minimum of 50 percent as the margin over cost of production. The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSPs at levels of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had increased MSPs 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.

The inclusion of crops under MSP framework is dependent on several factors which include relatively large shelf life, widely grown, item of mass consumption, essential for food security, among others. The details of MSPs fixed by Government from 2019-20 to 2024-25 is at **Annexure-II**.

Major schemes/programmes initiated by DA&FW

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
3. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/ Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
4. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
5. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
6. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs)
7. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
8. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE)
9. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
10. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
11. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
12. Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)
13. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
14. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
15. Digital Agriculture Mission
16. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM) - National Agriculture Market (ISAM-eNAM)
17. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM) - Others (ISAM-Others)
18. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
19. Soil Health Card (SHC)
20. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
21. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
22. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oilseeds
23. National Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
24. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region
25. Agroforestry
26. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
27. National Bamboo Mission

Minimum Support Prices**(in ₹ per quintal)**

		Marketing Season				
SL.NO.	KHARIF CROPS	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	PADDY (Common)	1868	1940	2040	2183	2300
	PADDY (Grade 'A')	1888	1960	2060	2203	2320
2	JOWAR (Hybrid)	2620	2738	2970	3180	3371
	JOWAR (Maldandi)	2640	2758	2990	3225	3421
3	BAJRA	2150	2250	2350	2500	2625
4	RAGI	3295	3377	3578	3846	4290
5	MAIZE	1850	1870	1962	2090	2225
6	TUR (ARHAR)	6000	6300	6600	7000	7550
7	MOONG	7196	7275	7755	8558	8682
8	URAD	6000	6300	6600	6950	7400
9	GROUNDNUT	5275	5550	5850	6377	6783
10	SUNFLOWER SEED	5885	6015	6400	6760	7280
11	SOYABEEN (yellow)	3880	3950	4300	4600	4892
12	SESAMUM	6855	7307	7830	8635	9267
13	NIGERSEED	6695	6930	7287	7734	8717
14	COTTON (Medium Staple)	5515	5726	6080	6620	7121
	COTTON (Long Staple)	5825	6025	6380	7020	7521
RABI CROPS		Marketing Season				
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	WHEAT	1975	2015	2125	2275	2425
2	BARLEY	1600	1635	1735	1850	1980
3	GRAM	5100	5230	5335	5440	5650
4	MASUR (LENTIL)	5100	5500	6000	6425	6700
5	RAPESEED & MUSTARD	4650	5050	5450	5650	5950
6	SAFFLOWER	5327	5441	5650	5800	5940
		Season				
COMMERCIAL CROPS		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	COPRA (Milling)	9960	10335	10590	10860	11160
	COPRA (Ball)	10300	10600	11000	11750	12000
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
2	JUTE	4225	4500	4750	5050	5335
