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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3863
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/04/2025

SPECIAL PROGRAM TO PROMOTE CULTIVATION OF COARSE GRAINS

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Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is running any special program to promote the cultivation of coarse grains in the country;
- (b) the crops categorized as coarse grains by Government, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of major States producing coarse grains in the country;
- (d) whether Government provides Minimum Support Price (MSP) for coarse grains crops; and
- (e) if so, the details of the crops and the MSP values?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (e): The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM) in all the 28 States including and 2 Union Territories (UTs) viz. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh with the objective to increase foodgrain production through area expansion and productivity enhancement including coarse cereals. The coarse cereals include maize & barley. The NFSNM-Coarse Cereals (Maize) is implemented in identified districts of 26 States and 2 Union Territories (Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) and Barley in 4 States. Under NFSNM, the incentives are provided to the farmers, through the States/UTs, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, distribution of certified seeds of newly released varieties/hybrids, integrated nutrient and pest management techniques, capacity building of farmers through trainings during cropping season etc.

In addition, Government of India also provides flexibility to the states for state specific needs under Pradhan Mantri-Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY). The major states for maize crop comprise of Bihar, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh & West Bengal, and major states for barley crop comprise of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand,

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 including maize and 6 Rabi crops including barley. The MSP for Maize for Kharif Marketing Season 2024-25 is Rs. 2225/Qt. and for Barley for Rabi Marketing Season 2025-26 is Rs. 1980/Qt.