

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2401
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13/03/2026

CRITERIA FOR COVERAGE OF CROPS UNDER MSP

2401. SMT. RANJEET RANJAN:
SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:
SHRI HARIS BEERAN:

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

- (a) the criteria used to restrict Minimum Support Price (MSP) coverage to 23 crops, despite over 200 crops being traded on the e-NAM platform;
- (b) whether any crops have been formally considered and rejected for MSP coverage during the last five years, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total value of fiscal transfers made directly to households in rural and urban areas during financial year 2024 and financial year 2025, State-wise, scheme-wise; and
- (d) the percentage of farmers who have sold their produce at MSP during the last three agricultural years, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Every year, Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops for the country as a whole, based on the recommendations of 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 MSPs at levels of at least 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.

(c): The details of Actual Expenditure of Central Sector and Central Sponsored schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare during the year 2023-24 and 2024-25 are given in the **Annexure**.

(d): Increased MSP has benefitted farmers of the country which is evident from details of farmers benefitted during last three crop years given as under:

All MSP Crops	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Benefited Farmers (in crore)	1.68	1.52	1.84

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c) of Rajya Sabha Untarred Question No. 2401 due for reply on 13.03.2026

Actual Expenditure of Central Sector and Central Sponsored schemes of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare during the year 2023-24 and 2024-25

Grant No. 1-Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare			
<i>(Rs. in crore)</i>			
S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Actual Expenditure 2023-24	Actual Expenditure 2024-25
Schemes			
I- Central Sector Schemes/Projects			
1	Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna- (PMFBY)	12948.50	14473.46
2	Modified Interest Subvention Scheem (MISS)	14251.93	22600.00
3	Implementation of Market Intervention Scheme/Price Support Scheme(MIS/ PSS)	0.00	22.59
4	Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)	2200.00	5437.99
5	Distribution of Pulses to state/ union territories for Welfare Schemes	446.30	246.62
6	Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)	61440.74	66121.20
7	Pradhanmantri Kisan Mandhan Yojna	100.00	100.00
8	Formation and Promotion of Farmers Producers Organizations	428.86	474.24
9	Agriculture Infrastructure Fund	475.23	725.34
10	National Beekeeping Honey Mission (NBHM)	22.50	66.50
11	Namo Drone Didi	4500.00	1.48
12	Blended Capital Support to Finance Startups for Agriculture and Rural Enterprises Relevant for Farm Produce Value Chain	-	62.50
13	Additional Transfer to Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Fund	-	6000.00
Total- Central Sector Schemes/Projects		96814.06	116331.92
II- Centrally Sponsored Schemes			
1	Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojna	5693.49	7386.14
2	National Mission on Natural Farming	30.19	10.35
3	Krishionnati Yojna	5736.20	5599.70
	Additional transfer to Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Fund	500.00	-
Total- Centrally Sponsored Schemes		11959.88	12996.19
Total- Scheme		108773.94	129328.11