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MEASURES TO ENSURE INCOME SECURITY OF FARMERS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that multiple surveys and State data indicate continuing agrarian distress, stagnant real incomes and rising indebtedness among small and marginal farmers, despite repeated assurances of doubling farmers' income and enhanced budgetary support, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of farmers that has effectively benefited from Minimum Support Price (MSP) procurement beyond wheat and paddy in the last three years;
- (c) the reasons why crop diversification has not translated into income security; and
- (d) the concrete policy corrections proposed to ensure remunerative prices, timely procurement and sustainable farm livelihoods?

ANSWER

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

(a) : Government of India is implementing a comprehensive range of Central Sector as well as Centrally Sponsored Schemes and programmes to tackle the agrarian distress, enhance incomes and reducing indebtedness among farmers including small & marginal farmers and overall growth of the agriculture sector. List of Schemes and Programmes run by DA&FW is attached at **Annexure-I**.

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 of DA&FW and the allied Ministries/Departments. The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) conducted a Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) of Agricultural Households during NSS 77th round (January, 2019 – December, 2019) with reference to the agricultural year July, 2018- June, 2019 in the rural areas of the country. According to these surveys, the estimated average monthly income per agricultural household increased from ₹6,426 in 2012-13 (NSS 70th round) to ₹10,218 in 2018-19 (NSS 77th round).

As per NSSO Survey on House hold Consumption Expenditure (2023-24), a comparison of the estimates of all-India average Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) is as under:

Sector	Average MPCE (Rs.) over different period	
	2011-12 NSS (68th round)	2023-2024
Rural	1,430	4,122
Urban	2,630	6,996

(b) : The procurement undertaken at MSP under Price Support Scheme of DA&FW during the last three years and current year is attached at **Annexure-II**.

(c) & (d): The concrete policy corrections have been made by DA&FW by implementing various initiatives/schemes and programmes. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP), a sub-scheme of the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM- RKVY) to replace paddy since 2013-14 in the original Green Revolution States of Haryana, Punjab and western Uttar Pradesh to alternate crops such as pulses, oilseeds, coarse cereals, nutria-cereals, cotton etc mainly to address overexploitation of ground water and to restore soil fertility in these area. Under this programme, assistance is provided for alternative crop demonstrations, farm mechanization & value addition, site-specific interventions and contingency activities related to awareness generation & capacity building. Further, the Crop Diversification Programme was extended w.e.f 2015-16 to major tobacco-growing States with the objective of encouraging tobacco growers to shift to alternative crops to reduce area under tobacco. Under this extension, States can undertake suitable activities and interventions in accordance with approved cost norms.

Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses aims at boosting domestic production and achieving self-sufficiency (Aatmanirbharta) in pulses over a six-year period, from 2025-26 to 2030-31, with a financial outlay of Rs. 11,440 Crore. To increase the area and production of Pulses in the rice fallow areas and other diversifiable areas, the support is being provided through the distribution of free seed kit. Under the mission, 87.5 lakh seed kits are targeted to be distributed in 6 years. By 2030-31, the total area under pulses cultivation is projected to expand by 35 lakh hectares, comprising 24.5 lakh hectares in traditional areas and 10.5 lakh hectares in non-traditional area under pulses.

The National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) was launched with the objective to strive towards Atmanirbharta in edible oils by expanding oil palm cultivation and increasing domestic production. The scheme is currently being implemented in 15 States across the country. Since its launch, about 2.69 lakh hectares have been brought under oil palm cultivation, taking the total cumulative area to 6.35 lakh hectares as on 10.03.2026. To ensure the availability of quality planting material, 153 oil palm nurseries have been established with a combined annual capacity of 500.43 lakh planting materials, along with 7 functional seed gardens. At present, 27 operational oil palm processing mills with a total capacity of 918.5 MTH are functioning across the country.

National Mission on Edible Oils - Oilseeds (NMEO-OS) aims to boost domestic oilseed production and to strive toward self-sufficiency in edible oil production. The mission aims to increase primary oilseed production from 39 million tonnes (2022-23) to 69.7 million tonnes by 2030-31. Under NMEO-OS, support is provided for the dissemination of improved seed varieties and technologies, including good agricultural practices, and advisory services on weather and pest management through value chain clusters. The program adopts crop-specific cluster approaches involving cooperatives, FPOs, and the private sector. The area coverage under oilseeds has been 30.44 million ha against the targets of 29.10 million ha, and production achieved was 42.99 million tonnes against the targets of 40.54 million tonnes and yield achieved was 1412 Kg/ha against the targets of 1393 Kg/ha during 2024-25 (As per final estimate 2024-25), which has shown the increasing trend under the mission. 1076 value chain clusters with area coverage of 12.92 lakh ha has been proposed by the states in 550 districts across the country.

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic & medicinal plants, coconut, cashew and cocoa. All States and UTs are covered under MIDH scheme. From 2014–15 to 2024–25, significant physical progress was achieved under the major components of the NHM/HMNEH scheme of MIDH. An additional 15.66 lakh hectares were brought under horticulture crops through area expansion, while 997 nurseries were established to ensure the availability of quality planting material. Rejuvenation activities improved 1.63 lakh hectares of old and unproductive orchards, and 52,459 hectares were covered under organic farming practices. Protected cultivation expanded to 3.44 lakh hectares, and 59,461 water-harvesting structures were created to strengthen water resources. In addition, 16.45 lakh bee colonies were distributed to promote beekeeping, and 2.95 lakh horticulture mechanization equipment were provided to farmers. Infrastructure development included the establishment of 1.45 lakh post-harvest management units and 19,626 market infrastructures. Furthermore, under Human Resource Development initiatives, 11.08 lakh farmers received training in various horticulture activities. The Indian horticulture sector contributes about 33% to the agriculture Gross Value Added (GVA) making a very significant contribution to the Indian economy. Apart from ensuring nutritional security of the nation, it provides alternate rural employment opportunities, diversification in farm activities, and enhanced income to farmers. The country's current horticulture production has reached 369.05 MT which is the highest ever production till date. It has now surpassed the estimated food grain production of 330 MT.

To provide remunerative price to the farmers, Government implements PM-AASHA with the components of Price Support Scheme (PSS), Price Deficit Payment Scheme (PDPS) and Market Intervention Scheme (MIS). PSS is implemented for procurement of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of notified pulses, oilseeds and copra at Minimum Support Price (MSP) as and when the market price falls below the MSP. PDPS envisages the payment of price difference between the MSP and Modal/Sale price directly to bank accounts of registered farmers selling/trading their FAQ of notified oilseeds in the APMC through transparent auction process within stipulated period. MIS is implemented for procurement/coverage of perishable agriculture and horticultural crops for which MSP is not announced. Under PSS, from year 2014-15 to 2025-26, 160.15 LMT of oilseeds having MSP value of Rs. 88,765.87 crore has been procured benefitting 69,62,831 farmers. Similarly, 192.88 LMT of pulses having MSP value of Rs. 1,08,184.78 crore has also been procured benefitting 1,04,92,472 farmers. Under PDPS, 16.83 LMT of soybean was supported during the year 2018-19 benefitting 6,20,945 farmers. Further, during 2025-26, a quantity of 16.95 LMT of soybean has also been covered under PDPS benefitting approx 7,10,257 farmers.

The National Food Security & Nutrition Mission (NFSNM) aims to increase the production of major food crops through area expansion and productivity enhancement in a sustainable manner across identified districts of the country. The Mission also specifically targets low-yielding districts to raise crop productivity levels closer to the respective State averages. The Mission focuses on boosting the production of rice, wheat, pulses, coarse cereals (such as maize and barley), nutri-cereals (including jowar, bajra, ragi, and small millets), commercial crops like jute, cotton, and sugarcane, as well as oilseeds. It also emphasizes restoring soil fertility and improving farm productivity at the individual farm level, enhancing farmers' income to rebuild their confidence, and promoting post-harvest value addition at the farm gate through better market linkages for improved price realization.

Schemes and Programmes run by DA&FW

1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
3. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
4. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/ Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
5. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
6. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
7. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 new Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)
8. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
9. Namu Drone Didi
10. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE)
11. National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
12. Rastriya Krishi Vikas Yojana- Detailed Project Report (RKVY-DPR)
13. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
14. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
15. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
16. Soil Health & Fertility (SH&F)
17. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
18. Agroforestry
19. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
20. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
21. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
22. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM)
23. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
24. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
25. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oilseeds
26. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region
27. Digital Agriculture Mission
28. National Bamboo Mission.
29. Mission for Atmanirbharta in Pulses
30. PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)

State-wise procurement details of pulses, oilseeds & copra procured at MSP under PSS from 2022-23 to 2025-26
(as on 02.03.2026)

Year/Category/Commodity/States	Quantity Procured (in MT)	MSP Value (Rs.in lakh)	Number of farmers benefitted
2022-23	4,002,057.73	2,272,822.93	1,727,663
Oil seed	1,170,656.63	659,950.63	483,640
COPRA	40,849.36	43,259.47	19,413
KERALA	255.85	270.95	631
TAMILNADU	40,593.51	42,988.53	18,782
GROUNDNUT	7,194.11	4,208.55	3,668
ODISHA	116.97	68.43	152
RAJASTHAN	1,012.72	592.44	571
UTTAR PRADESH	6,064.42	3,547.69	2,945
MUSTARD SEED	1,114,395.76	607,345.69	453,897
ASSAM	3,273.30	1,783.95	1,066
GUJARAT	84,336.97	45,963.65	24,252
HARYANA	341,758.49	186,258.38	183,758
MADHYA PRADESH	167,090.96	91,064.57	48,964
RAJASTHAN	485,567.67	264,634.38	183,209
UTTAR PRADESH	32,368.37	17,640.76	12,648
SAFFLOWER SEED	1,629.68	920.77	1,292
KARNATAKA	1,629.68	920.77	1,292
SUNFLOWER SEED	6,587.72	4,216.14	5,370
ODISHA	87.72	56.14	156
TELANGANA	6,500.00	4,160.00	5,214
Pulses	2,831,401.10	1,612,872.31	1,244,023
GRAM	2,353,114.66	1,255,386.67	1,029,390
ANDHRA PRADESH	63,132.10	33,680.98	37,563
GUJARAT	328,449.83	175,227.98	168,797
KARNATAKA	79,536.65	42,432.80	66,043
MADHYA PRADESH	795,997.03	424,664.42	223,818
MAHARASHTRA	772,857.96	412,319.72	392,768
RAJASTHAN	247,318.15	131,944.23	97,967
TELANGANA	50,238.00	26,801.97	35,164
UTTAR PRADESH	15,584.94	8,314.57	7,270
MASOOR	76,474.57	45,884.74	44,799
MADHYA PRADESH	64,460.92	38,676.55	39,107
UTTAR PRADESH	12,013.65	7,208.19	5,692
MOONG	401,775.42	311,576.84	169,807
GUJARAT	30.60	23.73	39

HARYANA	812.33	629.96	531
KARNATAKA	25,308.70	19,626.90	22,181
MADHYA PRADESH	275,645.01	213,762.71	91,491
MAHARASHTRA	183.90	142.61	194
ODISHA	1,878.88	1,457.07	2,815
PUNJAB	2,019.01	1,565.74	1,122
RAJASTHAN	93,703.44	72,667.02	49,441
TAMILNADU	2,135.20	1,655.85	1,907
TELANGANA	58.35	45.25	86
URAD	36.45	24.06	27
MAHARASHTRA	35.80	23.63	26
RAJASTHAN	0.65	0.43	1
2023-24	2,135,125.54	1,422,646.04	957,336
Oil seed	1,441,356.22	895,379.35	656,669
COPRA	134,341.36	150,361.10	91,031
ANDHRA PRADESH	4,035.95	4,383.04	2,562
KARNATAKA	50,184.08	58,966.29	35,235
KERALA	1,118.30	1,214.47	6,209
TAMILNADU	79,003.03	85,797.29	47,025
GROUNDNUT	76,153.78	48,563.27	27,711
GUJARAT	1,224.31	780.74	539
ODISHA	1,329.18	847.62	1,063
RAJASTHAN	46,452.83	29,622.97	19,272
UTTAR PRADESH	27,147.46	17,311.94	6,837
MUSTARD SEED	1,207,809.59	682,412.42	521,946
ASSAM	11,102.05	6,272.66	3,540
GUJARAT	115,225.80	65,102.58	60,068
HARYANA	325,938.06	184,155.00	172,874
MADHYA PRADESH	358,649.99	202,637.24	98,105
RAJASTHAN	351,846.63	198,793.35	167,005
UTTAR PRADESH	45,047.06	25,451.59	20,354
SAFFLOWER SEED	376.92	218.61	280
KARNATAKA	376.92	218.61	280
SOYABEAN	6,963.22	3,203.08	4,086
GUJARAT	111.50	51.29	75
MAHARASHTRA	769.47	353.96	577
TELANGANA	6,082.25	2,797.84	3,434
SUNFLOWER SEED	15,711.35	10,620.87	11,615
HARYANA	7,163.03	4,842.21	3,870
KARNATAKA	4,749.24	3,210.49	4,696

ODISHA	69.10	46.71	132
TELANGANA	3,729.98	2,521.47	2,917
Pulses	693,769.32	527,266.69	300,667
GRAM	43,120.95	23,457.80	15,409
GUJARAT	139.15	75.70	84
MADHYA PRADESH	41,168.52	22,395.67	14,322
RAJASTHAN	1,248.93	679.42	643
TELANGANA	564.35	307.01	360
MASOOR	248,551.25	159,694.18	116,907
MADHYA PRADESH	205,739.96	132,187.92	97,796
UTTAR PRADESH	42,811.29	27,506.25	19,111
MOONG	402,097.12	344,114.72	168,351
GUJARAT	1,269.70	1,086.61	611
HARYANA	741.00	634.15	574
MADHYA PRADESH	330,212.50	282,595.86	131,395
ODISHA	3,757.57	3,215.73	4,197
RAJASTHAN	53,045.20	45,396.08	26,174
TAMILNADU	1,924.15	1,646.69	1,856
UTTAR PRADESH	11,147.00	9,539.60	3,544
2024-25	6,252,564.18	4,003,172.52	2,663,522
Oil seed	4,413,059.41	2,623,569.82	1,728,452
COPRA	97,334.56	114,346.95	78,361
ANDHRA PRADESH	1,036.80	1,157.07	350
KARNATAKA	68,108.11	81,729.73	58,502
TAMILNADU	28,189.65	31,460.15	19,509
GROUNDNUT	1,802,513.56	1,222,644.95	548,773
GUJARAT	1,222,937.34	829,518.40	367,750
KARNATAKA	2,053.52	1,392.90	2,366
ODISHA	2,041.75	1,384.92	1,633
RAJASTHAN	438,252.36	297,266.58	122,956
TELANGANA	2,737.88	1,857.10	1,117
UTTAR PRADESH	134,490.71	91,225.05	52,951
MUSTARD SEED	500,725.80	297,931.85	242,426
ASSAM	3,133.80	1,864.61	785
CHHATISGARH	106.75	63.52	89
GUJARAT	54,211.10	32,255.60	41,643
HARYANA	322,370.00	191,810.15	154,954
MADHYA PRADESH	50,551.67	30,078.24	17,680
RAJASTHAN	70,095.18	41,706.63	27,123
UTTAR PRADESH	257.30	153.09	152

SOYABEAN	1,995,156.51	976,030.56	846,920
CHHATISGARH	11.10	5.43	5
GUJARAT	55,211.05	27,009.25	22,056
KARNATAKA	18,199.85	8,903.37	14,906
MADHYA PRADESH	621,879.35	304,223.38	212,568
MAHARASHTRA	1,120,014.50	547,911.09	512,321
RAJASTHAN	98,718.63	48,293.15	36,931
TELANGANA	81,122.03	39,684.90	48,133
SUNFLOWER SEED	17,328.98	12,615.50	11,972
HARYANA	8,862.88	6,452.18	4,013
KARNATAKA	5,898.00	4,293.74	5,584
ODISHA	48.10	35.02	91
TELANGANA	2,520.00	1,834.56	2,284
Pulses	1,839,504.77	1,379,602.71	935,070
GRAM	317,091.41	179,156.65	154,680
ANDHRA PRADESH	175.55	99.19	92
CHHATISGARH	2,075.70	1,172.77	2,231
GUJARAT	150,447.60	85,002.89	95,108
HARYANA	5.30	2.99	3
MADHYA PRADESH	98,978.98	55,923.12	29,660
MAHARASHTRA	5,246.81	2,964.45	2,658
RAJASTHAN	54,334.37	30,698.92	21,233
TELANGANA	5,815.90	3,285.98	3,689
UTTAR PRADESH	11.20	6.33	6
MASOOR	248,051.79	166,194.70	110,137
MADHYA PRADESH	212,319.82	142,254.28	94,709
UTTAR PRADESH	35,731.97	23,940.42	15,428
MOONG	638,388.90	554,249.24	278,512
ANDHRA PRADESH	6,002.50	5,211.37	2,742
GUJARAT	18,288.65	15,878.21	13,721
HARYANA	2,664.15	2,313.02	2,249
KARNATAKA	26,728.35	23,205.55	37,648
MADHYA PRADESH	393,123.79	341,310.07	122,776
MAHARASHTRA	583.02	506.18	526
ODISHA	10,312.35	8,953.18	11,863
RAJASTHAN	145,884.84	126,657.22	72,445
TAMILNADU	2,886.80	2,506.32	2,393
TELANGANA	990.44	859.90	1,607
UTTAR PRADESH	30,924.01	26,848.23	10,542
TOOR	625,489.46	472,244.54	384,633

ANDHRA PRADESH	79,993.10	60,394.79	53,640
GUJARAT	156,466.27	118,132.03	76,341
KARNATAKA	216,303.55	163,309.18	143,027
MADHYA PRADESH	7,418.00	5,600.59	3,689
MAHARASHTRA	133,229.90	100,588.57	85,973
TELANGANA	13,177.88	9,949.30	13,858
UTTAR PRADESH	18,900.76	14,270.07	8,105
URAD	10,483.21	7,757.58	7,108
ANDHRA PRADESH	95.30	70.52	98
MADHYA PRADESH	8,778.30	6,495.94	5,952
MAHARASHTRA	250.95	185.70	243
ODISHA	317.15	234.69	256
RAJASTHAN	35.71	26.43	40
TAMILNADU	1,005.80	744.29	519
2025-26	3,285,918.64	2,272,863.68	1,411,258
Oil seed	2,895,738.86	1,952,058.77	1,242,034
GROUNDNUT	2,104,561.93	1,528,543.33	875,672
GUJARAT	1,741,518.86	1,264,865.15	773,290
KARNATAKA	808.61	587.29	923
RAJASTHAN	313,287.86	227,540.97	89,595
UTTAR PRADESH	48,946.60	35,549.92	11,864
SOYABEAN	782,917.96	417,138.69	360,032
CHHATISGARH	28.50	15.18	32
GUJARAT	78,419.78	41,782.06	55,366
KARNATAKA	42,571.60	22,682.15	35,136
MAHARASHTRA	602,048.48	320,771.43	238,916
RAJASTHAN	17,390.44	9,265.63	9,609
TELANGANA	42,459.16	22,622.24	20,973
SUNFLOWER SEED	8,258.97	6,376.75	6,330
KARNATAKA	8,258.97	6,376.75	6,330
Pulses	390,179.78	320,804.91	169,224
GRAM	13,698.57	8,047.91	4,953
ANDHRA PRADESH	8,438.65	4,957.71	1,905
KARNATAKA	5,085.05	2,987.47	1,014
MAHARASHTRA	174.87	102.74	2,034
MOONG	171,817.19	150,649.31	78,314
ANDHRA PRADESH	895.15	784.87	592
GUJARAT	792.95	695.26	615
KARNATAKA	6,013.65	5,272.77	6,383
RAJASTHAN	162,913.09	142,842.20	70,412

UTTAR PRADESH	1,202.35	1,054.22	312
TOOR	123,487.59	98,790.07	59,987
ANDHRA PRADESH	49,745.60	39,796.48	23,371
GUJARAT	36,200.50	28,960.40	14,094
KARNATAKA	20,123.93	16,099.14	12,624
MAHARASHTRA	16,099.81	12,879.85	8,607
TELANGANA	1,317.75	1,054.20	1,291
URAD	81,176.43	63,317.62	25,970
GUJARAT	3,044.10	2,374.40	3,290
KARNATAKA	9,308.35	7,260.51	7,244
MAHARASHTRA	1,429.07	1,114.67	1,182
RAJASTHAN	492.45	384.11	290
UTTAR PRADESH	66,902.46	52,183.92	13,964
