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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5172
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH MARCH, 2018

INCREASE IN MSP FOR PULSES AND OILS SEEDS

5172. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers are getting even less than the Minimum Support Prices for pulses and oil seeds fixed by the Government during the current year, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the farmers in the various parts of the country especially Maharashtra have been demanding for increase in Minimum Support Prices for pulses and oil seeds, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Minimum Support Prices for pulses and oil seeds have been increased during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the extent to which the Government is proposing to increase Minimum Support Prices at present keeping in view the demand of the farmers; and
- (e) the production of pulses in the country during the year 2016-17 and the quantum of pulses procured by the Government during the said period along with the buffer stock of pulses during the current year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): The prices of agricultural crops including pulses and oilseeds are determined by supply and demand conditions in the market on a day-to-day basis. Taking the average wholesale price for the marketing season on an all-India basis as the measure, it is observed that some pulses and oilseeds are fetching lower prices than minimum support prices (MSPs). This is partly attributable to seasonal or cyclical factors affecting demand and supply of these crops.

(b): From time to time, farmers and farmers' organizations in various parts of the country including the State of Maharashtra have been making certain demands from the Government. Along with other demands, the increase in MSPs of agricultural crops including pulses and oilseeds was one important demand.

(c) & (d): Government has increased the MSPs of pulses and oilseeds during the last three years and the current year i.e. from 2014-15 to 2017-18. In addition to increase in MSPs, an incentive bonus on pulses for 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 and on oilseeds for 2016-17 and 2017-18 has also been announced to incentivise farmers to cultivate pulses and oilseeds. The MSPs including bonus of pulses and oilseeds and their increase for the last three years and the current year i.e. from 2014-15 to 2017-18 are at **Annexure**.

(e): During 2016-17, production of pulses is estimated at 231.3 lakh tonnes and 17.4 lakh tonnes of pulses have been procured by the Union Government. During the current year (as on 22.03.2018) buffer stock of pulses is 20.5 lakh tonnes.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (c) and (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5172 due for reply on 27.03.2018.

MSPs and increase in MSPs of pulses and oilseeds*(Rs. per quintal)*

Sl. No.	CROP	2013-14	2014-15	(#) increase in MSP 2014-15 over 2013-14	2015-16	(#) increase in MSP 2015-16 over 2014-15	2016-17	(#) increase in MSP 2016-17 over 2015-16	2017-18	(#) increase in MSP 2017-18 over 2016-17
	PULSES									
1	ARHAR(Tur)	4300	4350	50(1.2)	4625 [^]	275(6.3)	5050 ^{^^}	425(9.2)	5450 [^]	400(7.9)
2	MOONG	4500	4600	100(2.2)	4850 [^]	250(5.4)	5225 ^{^^}	375(7.7)	5575 [^]	350(6.7)
3	URAD	4300	4350	50(1.2)	4625 [^]	275(6.3)	5000 ^{^^}	375(8.1)	5400 [^]	400(8)
4	GRAM	3100	3175	75(2.4)	3500 ^{**}	325(10.2)	4000 [^]	500(14.3)	4400 [@]	400(10.0)
5	MASUR (LENTIL)	2950	3075	125(4.2)	3400 ^{**}	325(10.6)	3950 [@]	550(16.2)	4250 [*]	300(7.6)
	OILSEEDS									
1	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL	4000	4000	0	4030	30(0.8)	4220 [*]	190(4.7)	4450 [^]	230(5.5)
2	SUNFLOWER SEED	3700	3750	50(1.4)	3800	50(1.3)	3950 [*]	150(3.9)	4100 [*]	150(3.8)
3	SOYABEEN	2560	2560	0	2600	40(1.6)	2775 [*]	175(6.7)	3050 [^]	275(9.9)
4	SESAMUM	4500	4600	100(2.2)	4700	100(2.2)	5000 [^]	300(6.4)	5300 [*]	300(6)
5	NIGERSEED	3500	3600	100(2.9)	3650	50(1.4)	3825 [*]	175(4.8)	4050 [*]	225(5.9)
6	RAPSEED/MUSTARD	3050	3100	50(1.6)	3350	250(8.0)	3700 [*]	350(10.4)	4000 [*]	300(8.1)
7	SAFFLOWER	3000	3050	50(1.7)	3300	250(8.2)	3700 [*]	400(12.1)	4100 [*]	400(10.8)
8	TORIA	3020	3020	0	3290	270(8.9)	3560	270(8.2)	3900 [*]	340(9.6)

Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase.

* Including Bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal.

** Including Bonus of Rs. 75 per quintal.

[^] Including Bonus of Rs. 200 per quintal.

^{^^} Including Bonus of Rs. 425 per quintal.

[@] Including Bonus of Rs. 150 per quintal
