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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1058 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH JULY, 2018

INCOME SECURITY FOR FARMERS

1058. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set a roadmap or a 'four-pronged strategy' for doubling the farmers' income by 2022;
- (b) if so, whether the NITI Aayog has proposed a pilot project in this regard, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to fix the Minimum Support Price for all the agricultural produce to ensure income security for the farmers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the allocation made by the Government to agriculture sector during the last five-years period and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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

(a) & (b): The Government has set a target of doubling of farmers' income by the year 2022. The Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Executive Officer, National Rainfed Area Authority, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare to examine issues relating to doubling of farmers' income and recommend a strategy to achieve doubling of farmers' income in real terms by the year 2022.

At present, thirteen draft volumes of 'Strategy for Doubling Farmers' Income by 2022' prepared by the Committee have been uploaded on the website of this Department (http://agricoop.nic.in/doubling-farmers) for seeking public opinion.

During the **National Conference on "Agriculture-2022 – Doubling Farmers' Income**," Hon'ble PM has mentioned four aspects for improving the income of farmers, viz; reducing input cost; ensuring a fair price for the produce; reducing wastage; and creating alternate sources of income.

Further, NITI Aayog has constituted a Task Force for demonstrating doubling of farmers income through new business models and relieving farmers' distress.

(c): Government announces minimum support prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated crops and fair and remunerative price (FRP) for sugarcane on the basis of recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors. The mandated crops are 14 crops of the kharif season viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, arhar, moong, urad, groundnut-in-shell, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum, nigerseed and cotton; 6 rabi crops viz. wheat, barley, gram, masur(lentil), rapeseed/mustard and safflower and two other commercial crops viz. jute and copra. In addition, the MSPs of toria and de-husked coconut are fixed on the basis of the MSPs of rapeseed/mustard and copra, respectively.

Government has announced its historic decision to fix MSP at a level of at least 150 per cent of the cost of production for kharif crops 2018-19 which redeems the promise made in the Union Budget for 2018-19. The MSP declared during 2012-13 to 2018-19 for various crops is at **Annexure**.

(d): Year-wise details of Budget Estimates of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare during the last five years are as follow;

Year	Budget Estimates (Rs. in crore)					
2014-15	31542.95					
2015-16	25460.51					
2016-17	45035.20					
2017-18	51576.00					
2018-19	58080.00					
Total	211694.66					

Annexure

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7 years MSP Statement

(Rs per quintal)

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Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
	KHARIF CROPS								
1	PADDY	Common	1250	1310	1360	1410	1470	1550	1750
		Grade 'A'	1280	1345	1400	1450	1510	1590	1770
2	JOWAR	Hybrid	1500	1500	1530	1570	1625	1700	2430
		Maldandi	1520	1520	1550	1590	1650	1725	2450
3	BAJRA		1175	1250	1250	1275	1330	1425	1950
4	MAIZE		1175	1310	1310	1325	1365	1425	1700
5	RAGI		1500	1500	1550	1650	1725	1900	2897
6	ARHAR(Tur)		3850	4300	4350	4625^	5050^^	5450^	5675
7	MOONG		4400	4500	4600	4850^	5225^^	5575^	6975
8	URAD		4300	4300	4350	4625^	5000^^	5400^	5600
9	COTTON	Medium Staple	3600	3700	3750	3800	3860	4020	5150
		Long Staple	3900	4000	4050	4100	4160	4320	5450
10	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL		3700	4000	4000	4030	4220*	4450^	4890
11	SUNFLOWER SEED		3700	3700	3750	3800	3950*	4100*	5388
12	SOYABEEN	Black	2200	2500	2500	-	-	-	-
		Yellow ##	2240	2560	2560	2600	2775*	3050^	3399
13	SESAMUM		4200	4500	4600	4700	5000^	5300*	6249
14	NIGERSEED		3500	3500	3600	3650	3825*	4050*	5877
	RABI CROPS								
15	WHEAT		1350	1400	1450	1525	1625	1735	
16	BARLEY		980	1100	1150	1225	1325	1410	
17	GRAM		3000	3100	3175	3500**	4000^	<u>4400@</u>	
18	MASUR (LENTIL)		2900	2950	3075	3400**	<u>3950@</u>	4250*	
19	RAPESEED/MUSTARD		3000	3050	3100	3350	3700*	4000*	
20	SAFFLOWER		2800	3000	3050	3300	3700*	4100*	
21	TORIA		2970	3020	3020	3290	3560	3900*	
	OTHER CROPS								
22	COPRA	Milling	5100	5250	5250	5550	5950	6500	7511
	(Calender Year)	Ball	5350	5500	5500	5830	6240	6785	7750
23	DE-HUSKED COCONUT (Calender Year)		1400	1425	1425	1500	1600	1760	2030
24	JUTE		2200	2300	2400	2700	3200	3500	3700
25	SUGARCANE#		170	210	220	230	230	255	275
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[#] Fair and remunerative price.

^{##} Single MSP of Soyabean (yellow) is recommended by CACP since 2015-16, as black variety of soyabean is no longer cultivated in major producing states. Since 2015-16,MSP of Soyabean yellow is also applicable to black variety

^{*} 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