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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1090
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH JULY, 2018

FARMERS CRISIS

1090. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ₹āđŠāāÓā एवं किसान कल्याण ½āā"āāè
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the Indian farmers are facing an array of risks/crisis relating to production, weather, crop prices, credit and policy decision by the Government according to the second volume of Economic Survey-2016-17;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken/proposed to take any steps to mitigate all these risks of farmers across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Economic Survey 2016-17 (Vol. II) has indicated that Indian farmers face risks related to production, weather, price, credit, market and policy. The details of these risks are given in the **Annexure**.

(c) to (e): The Government has implemented various schemes to mitigate farming risk across the country which, *inter-alia*, includes: Interest Subvention Scheme, National Food Security Mission, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, Soil Health Card & Neem Coated Urea, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, and National Agriculture Market (e-NAM). In addition to above schemes, Minimum Support Prices are provided at the rate of 1.5 times the cost of production.

Annexure related to reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha UQ no. 1090 due for reply on 24.07.2018

Type of Risks	Causes	Reasons for Severity
1. Production risks	Pests, Diseases, Shortage of inputs like seeds/ irrigation	Low productivity, declining yield
2. Weather and Disaster related risks	High share of rainfed agriculture, Low irrigation coverage, drought, flooding, hailstorm and unseasonal rains	Production loss, Lower than potential production
3. Price risks	Lower than remunerative price	Absence of marketing infrastructure, Presence of and excessive profiteering by middlemen
4. Credit risks	Predominance of informal sources of credit, money lenders, Lack of capital for short term and long term loans	Absence of stable incomes/ profits lead to defaults/ indebtedness
5. Market risks	Changes in demand/ supply domestic or international	Loses market/ market share
6. Policy risks	Uncertain policies, regulations	Impact of Government policies, APMC Act and other regulations

Source: Economic Survey, 2016-17, Government of India
