

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1593
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JULY, 2019

FARMERS' CRISIS

1593. SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the farmers of the country are facing an array of risks relating to weather conditions, production/yield, 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 Union Government has taken or proposes 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 AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(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, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, Soil Health Card & Neem Coated Urea, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), etc. In addition to above schemes, Minimum Support Prices are provided at the rate of 1.5 times the cost of production.

Annexure

Annexure related to reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha UQ no. 1593 due for reply on 02.07.2019.

| Type of Risks | Causes | Reasons for Severity |
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| 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
