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

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3541 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2019

REMUNERATIVE SUPPORT PRICE

3541. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to implement Remunerative Support Price for all agriculture crops, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reason therefor; and
- (b) whether the Government has any data of subsidies given to farmers, if so, the details of such subsidies for the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops and fair and remunerative price (FRP) for sugarcane on the basis of the 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. These MSP crops account for 99 percent of agricultural production (excluding horticulture production) in the country. The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSPs at a level of atleast one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had increased MSPs for all mandated crops with a return of at least 50 percent over all India weighted average cost of production for the season 2018-19. Government has recently increased the MSPs for all mandated kharif and rabi crops for 2019-20 season in line with the principle of providing atleast 50 percent return over all India weighted average cost of production. The details of MSP and the returns for last three years are given in **Annexure**.
- (b): Various subsidies are provided to farmers under different schemes inter-alia including Rainfed Area Development, Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material, Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanisation, Fertilisers by Department of Fertilisers, Interest Subvention Scheme, Implementation of Market Intervention Scheme and Price Support Scheme etc. The actual expenditure for agricultural schemes for year 2017-18 and 2018-19 and budgetary estimates for year 2019-20 is Rs. 37,389 crore, Rs. 46,415 crore and Rs. 1,30,302 crore respectively.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3541 due for reply on 10.12.2019.

Cost*, MSP and Return

(Rs per quintal)

	Commodity	2017-18			2018-19			2019-20		
SI. No.	KHARIF CROPS	Cost*	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost*	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost*	MSP	% Return over Cost
1	PADDY(Common)	1117	1550	38.8	1166	1750	50.1	1208	1815	50.2
	(Grade A) [^]		1590			1770			1835	
2	JOWAR (Hybrid)	1556	1700	9.3	1619	2430	50.1	1698	2550	50.2
	(Maldandi) ^		1725			2450			2570	
3	BAJRA	949	1425	50.2	990	1950	97.0	1083	2000	84.7
4	MAIZE	1044	1425	36.5	1131	1700	50.3	1171	1760	50.3
5	RAGI	1861	1900	2.1	1931	2897	50.0	2100	3150	50.0
6	ARHAR(Tur)	3318	5450	64.3	3432	5675	65.4	3636	5800	59.5
7	MOONG	4286	5575	30.1	4650	6975	50.0	4699	7050	50.0
8	URAD	3265	5400	65.4	3438	5600	62.9	3477	5700	63.9
9	COTTON (Medium Staple)	3276	4020	22.7	3433	5150	50.0	3501	5255	50.1
	(Long Staple)^		4320			5450			5550	
10	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL	3159	4450	40.9	3260	4890	50.0	3394	5090	50.0
11	SUNFLOWER SEED	3481	4100	17.8	3592	5388	50.0	3767	5650	50.0
12	SOYABEAN (Yellow)	2121	3050	43.8	2266	3399	50.0	2473	3710	50.0
13	SESAMUM	4067	5300	30.3	4166	6249	50.0	4322	6485	50.0
14	NIGERSEED	3912	4050	3.5	3918	5877	50.0	3960	5940	50.0
	RABI CROPS									
1	WHEAT	817	1735	112.4	866	1840	112.5	923	1925	108.6
2	BARLEY	845	1410	66.9	860	1440	67.4	919	1525	65.9
3	GRAM	2461	4400	78.8	2637	4620	75.2	2801	4875	74.0
4	MASUR (LENTIL)	2366	4250	79.6	2532	4475	76.7	2727	4800	76.0
5	RAPESEED/MUSTARD	2123	4000	88.4	2212	4200	89.9	2323	4425	90.5
6	SAFFLOWER	3125	4100	31.2	3294	4945	50.1	3470	5215	50.3
	OTHER CROPS									
1	COPRA (Milling)	4758	6500	36.6	5007	7511	50.0	6347	9521	50.0
	(Ball) [^]		6785			7750			9920	
2	JUTE	2160	3500	62.0	2267	3700	63.2	2535	3950	55.8
3	SUGARCANE	155	275	77	156	275	76			

^{*}Includes all paid out costs such as those incurred on account of hired human labour, bullock labour/machine labour, rent paid for leased in land, expenses incurred on use of material inputs like seeds, fertilizers, manures, irrigation charges, depreciation on implements and farm buildings, interest on working capital, diesel/electricity for operation of pump sets etc, miscellaneous expenses & imputed value of family labour.

[^] Cost is not separately compiled for Paddy (Grade A), Jowar (Maldandi), Cotton (long staple) and Copra(ball).