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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 257
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH FEBRUARY, 2020

CULTIVATION OF RABI CROPS

257. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:

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

- (a) the details of the total estimated acreage under cultivation of Rabi Crops during the current season as compared to that of the last season, crop and State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has estimated the production of Rabi crops for the current season and if so, the details thereof, crop and State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide adequate incentives/assistances to the farmers for sowing Rabi and Kharif grains and to procure their produce at reasonable price and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to enhance the production and acreage of crops in the country; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to discourage the import of agricultural produce in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): It is early to assess the acreage and production of rabi crops for current rabi season as sowing is still in progress in some parts of the country. As per the release calendar of advance estimates of crop production, the production and acreage of Rabi crops are normally released in mid February.

(c) to (e): To ensure remunerative price to farmers, the Government had increased Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other Commercial crops with a return of atleast 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. Details of MSP, Cost and return over cost for year 2018-19 and 2019-20 are given at **Annexure**.

Further, in order to increase production and acreage of agricultural crops in the country, Government of India is implementing through State Governments, several Crop Development Schemes/Programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Soil Health Card etc. Under these Schemes/Programmes, funds are provided to States for implementation of State-specific agricultural strategies including incentives to farmers for use of quality seeds, improve soil health under Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), Integrated Pest Management (IPM), farm mechanization, etc. The States are also provided support for creation of agricultural infrastructure for optimal use of water and other natural resources.

Government keeps close watch on import of agriculture produce in the country and take necessary steps from time to time so as to restrict cheap import of agriculture produce and protect vulnerable farmers of the country by imposing Minimum Import Price, increasing import duties, imposing Quantitative restrictions on imports and restricting their import through licensing as and when required.

**Annexure referred to in reply to Parts (c) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 257 due for reply on
04.02.2020**

Details of MSP, Cost and return over cost for year 2018-19 and 2019-20

(Rs. per Quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	2018-19			2019-20		
	KHARIF CROPS	Cost*	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost*	MSP	% Return over Cost
1	PADDY(Common)	1166	1750	50.1	1208	1815	50.2
	(Grade A)^		1770			1835	
2	JOWAR (Hybrid)	1619	2430	50.1	1698	2550	50.2
	(Maldandi) ^		2450			2570	
3	BAJRA	990	1950	97	1083	2000	84.7
4	MAIZE	1131	1700	50.3	1171	1760	50.3
5	RAGI	1931	2897	50	2100	3150	50
6	ARHAR(Tur)	3432	5675	65.4	3636	5800	59.5
7	MOONG	4650	6975	50	4699	7050	50
8	URAD	3438	5600	62.9	3477	5700	63.9
9	COTTON (Medium Staple)	3433	5150	50	3501	5255	50.1
	(Long Staple)^		5450			5550	
10	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL	3260	4890	50	3394	5090	50
11	SUNFLOWER SEED	3592	5388	50	3767	5650	50
12	SOYABEAN (Yellow)	2266	3399	50	2473	3710	50
13	SESAMUM	4166	6249	50	4322	6485	50
14	NIGERSEED	3918	5877	50	3960	5940	50
	<u>RABI CROPS</u>						
1	WHEAT	866	1840	112.5	923	1925	108.6
2	BARLEY	860	1440	67.4	919	1525	65.9
3	GRAM	2637	4620	75.2	2801	4875	74
4	MASUR (LENTIL)	2532	4475	76.7	2727	4800	76
5	RAPSEED/MUSTARD	2212	4200	89.9	2323	4425	90.5
6	SAFFLOWER	3294	4945	50.1	3470	5215	50.3

**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) and Cotton (long staple),
