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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4540
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 23RD MARCH, 2021

INCREASING FARMERS INCOME

4540. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
SHRI BALUBHAU ALIAS SURESH NARAYAN DHANORKAR:
SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken several steps/ launched a number of new schemes during the last six and a half years with an objective to increase the income of farmers by 2022;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has been successful in enhancing farmers' incomes as per the Swaminathan Commission report's recommendations;
- (c) if so, the details of the increase in farmers' income during the said period;
- (d) the average incomes of farmers during the last six years, State and year-wise;
- (e) whether Minimum Support Price (MSP) of various crops has witnessed a record increase during the last six and a half years leading to a record increase in the income of farmers as well; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): The Government has adopted several developmental programmes, schemes, reforms and policies, that focus on higher incomes for the farmers. All these policies & programmes are being supported by higher budgetary allocations, non-budgetary financial resources by way of creating Corpus Funds like Micro Irrigation Fund and Agri-marketing Fund to strengthen eNAM and GrAMs, Market Reforms like Model APLMC (Promotion & Facilitation)

Act, 2017, Establishment of 22,000 number of Gramin Agriculture Markets (GrAMs), Agri-Export Policy, The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion & Facilitation) Act., 2020, The Farmers (Empowerment & Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act., 2020, Amendments to Essential Commodities Act, 1955, Promotion of 10,000 FPOs and supplementary income transfers under PM-KISAN, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna (PMKSY), Increase in Minimum Support Price (MSPs) for all Kharif & Rabi Crops, Har Med Par Ped, Bee-Keeping, Rashtriya Gokul Mission, Blue Revolution, Interest Subvention Scheme, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), etc. The latest major intervention includes the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat – Agriculture' which includes comprehensive market reforms and creation of 'Agricultural Infrastructure Fund (AIF)' worth Rs. 1 lakh crores. In the Budget Announcement 2021-22, allocation to Micro Irrigation Fund has been doubled to Rs 10000 crore and Institutional Credit has been increased to Rs 16.50 lakh crore.

(b): All the initiatives of the Government, led to higher production, increased MSP/procurement etc. Further income support through PM-KISAN etc is helping the farmers.

(c) & (d): The last Situation Assessment Survey was conducted by NSSO in 2012-13.

(e) & (f): The Government's price policy is to ensure remunerative prices to farmers by deciding MSP which is fixed at a pre-determined principle by keeping MSP at a level of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government has increased the 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 from agriculture year 2018-19. Comparative figures of 2013-14 vs 2020-21 is at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE

Cost*, Minimum Support Price (MSP) and Return

(Rs per quintal)

Commodity	2013-14			2020-21		
	Cost*	MSP	% Return over Cost	Cost*	MSP	% Return over Cost
KHARIF CROPS	961	1310	36			
PADDY(Common)		1345		1245	1868	50
(Grade A) ^	1269	1500	18		1888	
JOWAR (Hybrid)		1520		1746	2620	50
(Maldandi) ^	768	1250	63		2640	
BAJRA	1338	1500	12	1175	2150	83
RAGI	860	1310	52	2194	3295	50
MAIZE	3090	4300	39	1213	1850	53
ARHAR(Tur)	3775	4500	19	3796	6000	58
MOONG	3144	4300	37	4797	7196	50
URAD	2485	3700	49	3660	6000	64
COTTON (Medium Staple)		4000		3676	5515	50
(Long Staple) ^	2720	4000	47		5825	
GROUNDNUT	3000	3700	23	3515	5275	50
SUNFLOWER SEED	1692	2560	51	3921	5885	50
SOYABEAN(Yellow)	2919	4500	54	2587	3880	50
SESAMUM	2279	3500	54	4570	6855	50
NIGERSEED				4462	6695	50
<u>RABI CROPS</u>	679	1400	106			
WHEAT	676	1100	63	960	1975	106
BARLEY	1786	3100	74	971	1600	65
GRAM	1799	2950	64	2866	5100	78
MASUR (LENTIL)	1307	3050	133	2864	5100	78
RAPESEED and MUSTARD	2558	3000	17	2415	4650	93
SAFFLOWER		3020		3551	5327	50
TORIA ^					4650	
<u>OTHER CROPS</u>	4168	5250	26			
COPRA (Milling)		5500		6639	9960	50
(Ball)^		1425			10300	
DE-HUSKED COCONUT ^	1015	2300	127		2700	
JUTE	961	1310	36	2709	4225	56

*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) Toria, Copra (ball) and De-Husked Coconut.
