

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2317
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2024

ISSUES OF GUJARAT FARMERS

2317. SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to set up an agricultural university in Dahod Parliamentary Constituency of Gujarat and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any scheme is being implemented by the Government to provide a fair price to farmers for their crops in Gujarat, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether any scheme is being run by the Government for the farmers of drought affected districts of Gujarat, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a): At present there is no proposal in Central Government to set up an Agricultural University in Dahod Parliamentary Constituency of Gujarat.

(b): Yes, the Government, through Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for major agricultural commodities, aims to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers, including those from Gujarat, for their crop produce. The Government has increased the MSP for marketing season 2025-26 to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce. The absolute highest increase in MSP has been announced for Mustard at Rs. 300 per quintal followed by Lentil at Rs. 275 per quintal. For gram, wheat, safflower and barley, there is an increase of Rs. 210 per quintal, Rs. 150 per quintal, Rs. 140 per quintal and Rs. 130 per quintal, respectively.

(c): Yes, the Government implements several schemes for the farmers of drought affected districts in the country including for Gujarat. Some of the major schemes are as below:

- Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) aims to improve water use efficiency and increase irrigation coverage.
- Rainfed Area Development Programme to mainstream the development of rainfed areas in a sustainable manner.
- Provisions made under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for undertaking appropriate interventions of an aberrant monsoon on the agriculture sector.
- Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) to restore ecological balance by harnessing, conserving and developing degraded natural resources such as soil, vegetative cover and water.
- District crop Contingency Plans developed by ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), Hyderabad to prepare location-specific remedial measures.
