

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2486
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2024

AGRARIAN CRISIS DUE TO FALL IN COMMODITY PRICE

2486. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

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

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the agrarian crisis in the country due to the declining price of commodities is seriously affecting the livelihood of farmers;

(b) if so, whether the Government is planning to provide a support price and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has any proposal for including Rubber, Tea, Coffee and Cardamom under Minimum Support Price Scheme, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The prices of agricultural commodities are influenced by market forces of demand and supply, international market prices, effective tariff/duties, and auction prices in Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC) mandis within the States etc. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare supplements the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures, budgetary support and various schemes.

To safeguard farmers from falling market prices, the government implements various measures. These include procurement at Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for 23 mandated crops, including the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) for sugarcane, the Market Intervention Scheme for perishable horticultural and agricultural commodities not covered by MSP.

(c): There is no such proposal under consideration currently. The inclusion of crops under MSP framework is dependent on several factors which include food security, relatively large shelflife, widely grown, item of mass consumption, among others.
