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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2609

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH AUGUST, 2025

RISING INPUT COST OF AGRICULTURE

2609. SHRI BHARATBHAI MANUBHAI SUTARIYA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that farmers are facing rising input costs related to seeds, labourwages, pesticides, and fertilizers, which significantly reduce their income;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to address this issue and to double farmers' income;
- (c) whether the Government propose to recognize and implement the 3BP for BP to double the farmers' income; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): In order to help the farmers facing rising input costs related to seeds, labourwages, pesticides, and fertilizers, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing various central sector and centrally sponsored schemes, which are **annexed**. The Government has substantially enhanced the budget allocation of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) from Rs. 21,933.50 crore BE during 2013-14 to Rs. 1,27,290.16 crore BE during 2025-26.

Ministry has identified following integrated strategy for enhancing the farmers income and comprehensive growth of agriculture sector:

- (i) Increase crop production/ productivity
- (ii) Reduce cost of production
- (iii) Better price realization of farmers' produce to enhance their incomes.
- (iv) Agricultural diversification
- (v) Developing post harvest value addition
- (vi) Adaptation to climate change for sustainable agriculture and mitigate against crop losses

Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for mandated crops based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) after considering the views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/ Departments. The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced to keep MSPs at levels of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had consistently increased MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other Commercial crops with a minimum margin of 50 percent over all India weighted average cost of production from the year 2018-19 onwards.

Major schemes/ programmes of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

- 1. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- 2. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY)
- 3. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)/ Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS)
- 4. Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)
- 5. Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)
- 6. Formation and Promotion of 10,000 new Farmer Producers Organizations (FPOs)
- 7. National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission (NBHM)
- 8. Namo Drone Didi
- 9. National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF)
- 10. Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay SanraksHan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
- 11. Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE)
- 12. Per Drop More Crop (PDMC)
- 13. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM)
- 14. Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)
- 15. Soil Health & Fertility (SH&F)
- 16. Rainfed Area Development (RAD)
- 17. Agroforestry
- 18. Crop Diversification Programme (CDP)
- 19. Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)
- 20. Sub-Mission on Seed and Planting Material (SMSP)
- 21. National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM)
- 22. Integrated Scheme for Agriculture Marketing (ISAM)
- 23. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)
- 24. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oil Palm
- 25. National Mission on Edible Oils (NMEO)-Oilseeds
- 26. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region
- 27. Digital Agriculture Mission
- 28. National Bamboo Mission
