

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3910
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12th August, 2025

LOAN WAIVER SCHEMES FOR FARMERS

3910. SHRI UTKARSH VERMA MADHUR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a proposal to procure all crops at MSP as per C2+50% rate, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of Comprehensive Loan Waiver Scheme for farmers and farm labourers to get relief from indebtedness, farmer suicides and distress migration; and
- (c) the details of Comprehensive Insurance Scheme under public sector for all crops and animal husbandry?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a): Every year, Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops for the country as a whole, based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned.

The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSPs at levels of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government had increased MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other Commercial crops with a minimum return of 50 percent over all India weighted average cost of production from year 2018-19 onwards.

(b): Presently, no scheme for loan waiver is in operation in the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. However, farmers are provided significant support through other schemes such as PM Kisan, Minimum Support Price (MSP), Pradhan Mantri Fasal BimaYojana and Modified Interest Subvention Scheme to address their financial vulnerability in a structured manner.

(c): The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY) was introduced in the country from Kharif 2016 season. The scheme provides financial support to farmers suffering crop loss/damage arising out of natural calamities, adverse weather incidence and to stabilize the income of farmers etc. Since inception of the scheme in 2016, farmers paid a total premium of Rs 35,753 Crore Rupees and have received claims of Rs 1.83 lakh Crore Rupees (as on 30.06.2025), which is roughly 5 times the farmers premium paid during the same period.

Government is implementing an activity called Livestock Insurance under National Livestock Mission (NLM) which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme in all the districts of the country with an objective to manage and mitigate risk and uncertainties by providing protection mechanism to the farmers & cattle owners against any eventual loss of their animals due to death.

It includes insurance of indigenous / crossbreed milch animals, pack animals (Horses, Donkey, Mules, Camels, Ponies and male animals of Cattle/Buffalo) and other livestock (Goat, Sheep, Pigs, Rabbit, Yak and Mithun) are covered under the purview of the Livestock Insurance. Benefit of subsidy is restricted to 10 cattle units per household all animals except for pig and rabbit, where the benefit will be remained restricted for 5 cattle units (1 cattle unit=10 small animals). In case of sheep, goat, pig and rabbit, the benefit of subsidy is restricted based on "Cattle Unit" and one cattle unit is equal to 10 animals i.e. for sheep, goat, pig and rabbit. For this purpose, "household" will be defined on the same lines as adopted under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005.

The farmer's share of premium payment has been reduced to 15% from 20-50% depending upon the caste and region of settlement. The rest 85% will be shared by the Central and State share in the ratio 60:40 for states other than Himalayan and North-eastern region and 90:10 for the Himalayan and North-Eastern region.

Achievements of Livestock Insurance Scheme during last Four years

Financial Year			
2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Fund Released (Rs. In lakh)			
3324.31	2491.6	2229.58	3651.53
No. of animals insured			
4,63,046	11,85,740	9,67,632	26,69,711
