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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5107
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24TH MARCH, 2026

IMPACT OF THE INCREASE IN COST OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the impact of the increase in the cost of agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizers, diesel, petrol and agricultural machinery on small and marginal farmers during the past few years;
- (b) the comparative details of the percentage increase in the prices of major agricultural inputs as seeds, fertilizers, diesel, petrol, pesticides and agricultural machinery, during the last ten years, year-wise and the corresponding produce such as wheat, paddy, rice, pulses and oilseeds during the same period;
- (c) whether the rapid increase in input costs has adversely affected the profitability and sustainability of agriculture; and
- (d) the long-term strategy and proposed measures of the Government to ensure income security for farmers, reduce the cost production and ease the financial burden particularly on small and marginal farmers?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Every year, Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops for the country as a whole, based on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments concerned. The 22 mandated crops include 14 Kharif crops viz. paddy, jowar, bajra, maize, ragi, tur (arhar), moong, urad, groundnut, soyabean, sunflower, sesamum, nigerseed, cotton and 6 Rabi crops viz. wheat, barley, gram, masur (lentil), rapeseed & mustard, safflower and two commercial crops viz. jute and copra.

While recommending MSPs, CACP considers important factors like cost of production, overall demand-supply conditions, domestic and international prices, inter-crop price parity, terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, the likely effect on the rest of the economy, besides ensuring rational utilization of land, water and other production resources, including all-India weighted average cost of production.

Within the cost of production, CACP considers all costs in a comprehensive manner which include 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 and imputed value of family labour. As per CACP reports, the details of last 10 years all-India weighted average cost of production of wheat, paddy, pulses and oilseeds included in MSP crops are given at **Annexure I**.

The details of last 10 years production of wheat, paddy, pulses and oilseeds included in MSP crops are given at **Annexure II**.

Government, in its Union Budget for 2018-19, had made an announcement to keep MSP at a level of minimum one and half times of the cost of production as a pre-determined principle. Accordingly, MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops have been fixed with a margin of at least 50 percent over weighted average cost of production.

(d): To ensure income security for farmers, including small and marginal farmers, Government of India implements various schemes/ programmes, such as given below:

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

Annexure referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.5107 due to reply on 24.03.2026

All India Weighted Average Cost of Production of Wheat, paddy, pulses and oilseeds included in MSP crops (in ₹ / quintal)

S.no.	Commodity	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Paddy	1020	1045	1117	1166	1208	1245	1293	1360	1455	1533
2	Wheat	744	785	797	817	866	923	960	1008	1065	1128
3	Tur	3237	3241	3318	3432	3636	3796	3886	4131	4444	4761
4	Gram	1902	2124	2241	2461	2637	2801	2866	3004	3206	3400
5	Urad	3455	3584	3265	3438	3477	3660	3816	4155	4592	4883
6	Moong	3993	4065	4286	4650	4699	4797	4850	5167	5705	5788
7	Lentil	1866	2015	2174	2366	2532	2727	2864	3079	3239	3405
8	Groundnut	3314	3371	3159	3260	3394	3515	3699	3873	4251	4522
9	Sesamum	4132	4188	4067	4166	4322	4570	4871	5220	5755	6178
10	Nigerseed	3146	3366	3912	3918	3960	4462	4620	4858	5156	5811
11	Soybean	1770	1852	2121	2266	2473	2587	2633	2805	3029	3261
12	Sunflower	3282	3479	3481	3592	3767	3921	4010	4113	4505	4853
13	Rapeseed & Mustard	1504	1702	1871	2123	2212	2323	2415	2523	2670	2855
14	Safflower	3025	3057	3049	3125	3294	3470	3551	3627	3765	3807

Source: Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP)

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Production of Wheat, paddy, pulses and oilseeds included in MSP crops (in LMT)

S.no.	Crop	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	Paddy	1566.12	1645.47	1691.37	1747.17	1783.05	1865.52	1942.07	2036.33	2067.38	2252.76
2	Wheat	922.88	985.10	998.70	1035.96	1078.61	1095.86	1077.42	1105.54	1132.92	1179.45
	Total Cereals	2352.18	2519.81	2595.97	2631.33	2744.79	2852.79	2883.14	3036.28	3080.52	3320.50
3	Tur	25.61	48.73	42.90	33.15	38.92	43.16	42.20	33.12	34.17	36.24
4	Gram	70.58	93.78	113.79	99.38	110.78	119.11	135.44	122.67	110.39	111.14
5	Urad	19.45	28.32	34.92	30.60	20.81	22.30	27.76	26.31	23.19	22.42
6	Moong	15.93	21.65	20.23	24.55	25.09	30.85	31.66	36.76	31.03	42.44
7	Lentil	9.76	12.24	16.22	12.28	11.03	14.94	12.69	15.59	17.91	16.54
	Total Pulses	163.23	231.29	254.16	220.76	230.25	254.63	273.02	260.58	242.46	256.83
8	Groundnut	67.33	74.62	92.53	67.27	99.52	102.44	101.35	102.97	101.80	119.42
9	Sesamum	8.50	7.47	7.55	6.89	6.57	8.17	7.89	8.02	8.47	8.93
10	Nigerseed	0.74	0.85	0.70	0.45	0.41	0.42	0.33	0.29	0.27	0.40
11	Soybean	85.70	131.59	109.33	132.68	112.26	126.10	129.87	149.85	130.62	152.68
12	Sunflower	2.96	2.51	2.22	2.16	2.13	2.28	2.50	3.63	1.73	2.36
13	Rapeseed & Mustard	67.97	79.17	84.30	92.56	91.24	102.10	119.63	126.43	132.59	126.67
14	Safflower	0.53	0.94	0.55	0.25	0.44	0.36	0.61	0.90	0.50	0.43
	Total Oilseeds	252.51	312.76	314.59	315.22	332.19	359.46	379.63	413.55	396.69	429.89

Source: Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
