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NATIONAL AGRICULTURE POLICY

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

(a) the progress and effectiveness of the New National Agriculture Policy 2025 in addressing challenges such as climate vulnerability, income inequality and the digital divide in the country;

(b) the various steps taken by the Government to ensure legal protection for Minimum Support Price (MSP) and to extend benefits to tenant farmers and marginal farmers who are currently excluded from institutional credit, along with the details thereof, State-wise particularly in Maharashtra;

(c) the measures initiated by the Government in Maharashtra to promote organic farming and to curtail the excessive use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides;

(d) the manner in which the Government is coordinating with the States to encourage crop diversification and agro-forestry for sustainable and inclusive agricultural growth; and

(e) the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a): No new Agricultural policy 2025 has been notified by Government of India. However, for addressing challenges such as climate vulnerability, income inequality and the digital divide in the country, Government is implementing various schemes/programmes, details of which is placed at **Annexure-I**

(b): Every year, Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 22 mandated agricultural crops 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. 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. 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. Details are given at **Annexure-II**.

(c): Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana is being implemented since 2015-16 by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare with the sole objective to promote organic farming and reduce overuse of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The scheme stresses on end-to-end support to farmers engaged in organic farming i.e. from production to processing, certification and marketing. Primary focus of the schemes is to form organic clusters, with preference to small and marginal farmers, to create a supply chain.

Under the Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), financial assistance of ₹31,500 per hectare is provided over a period of three years for the promotion of organic farming, out of which ₹15,000 per hectare is given directly to farmers through Direct Benefit Transfer for meeting the cost of on-farm and off-farm organic inputs. As per the achievements under PKVY in Maharashtra up to 31 December 2025, about 68,012 hectares of land have been brought under organic farming and 89,595 farmers have benefited from the scheme. Since 2015–16, a total Central share of ₹160.93 crore has been released to the State under PKVY. Further, during 2025–26, an allocation of ₹39.30 crore was made to Maharashtra, against which ₹17.64 crore as Central share had been released (as on 31 December 2025).

(d) & (e): The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing the Crop Diversification Programme (CDP), a sub-scheme of the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY). The CDP-Paddy Replacement component has been implemented since 2013-14 in the original Green Revolution States of Haryana, Punjab and western Uttar Pradesh to divert area from paddy cultivation to alternative crops such as pulses, oilseeds, coarse cereals, nutri-cereals, cotton, etc. Under this programme, assistance is provided for alternative crop demonstrations, farm mechanization & value addition, site-specific interventions and contingency activities related to awareness generation & capacity building.

Further, the Crop Diversification Programme was extended w.e.f. 2015-16 to major tobacco-growing States, including Maharashtra, with the objective of encouraging tobacco growers to shift to alternative crops or cropping systems. Under this extension, States may undertake suitable activities and interventions in accordance with approved cost norms.

To promote Agroforestry, Government of India is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Agroforestry under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PMRKVY) since 2023-24. Before this, Agroforestry was promoted in the country under Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) from 2016-17 to 2021-22 with the motto of 'Har Med par Ped' in 23 States/UTs including Maharashtra. SMAF scheme discontinued from 2022-23.

The Scheme mainly focuses on establishment and strengthening of nurseries and production of Quality Planting Materials (QPMs) such as seeds, seedlings, clones, hybrids and improved varieties of healthy, resilient and adaptable nursery stock to farmers and growers with a view to increasing tree cover on farmlands. The scheme is being implemented in Most of the States/UTs across the country including State of Maharashtra. Agroforestry Scheme is being implemented in the States/UTs based on their Annual Action Plans prepared by them and approved by this Department in accordance with the scheme guidelines. The State Nodal Agency are responsible for implementing the Agroforestry component under PMRKVY. In Maharashtra Social Forestry Department is responsible to implement Agroforestry.

Through Agroforestry, farmers can plant multipurpose trees such as fruit trees, timber species, or fodder trees on fallow land during the off-crop season. These trees help make productive use of the land by providing additional sources of income from timber, fruits, fuelwood, and fodder, even when regular crops are not cultivated. Furthermore, Agroforestry contributes to improving soil fertility, reducing soil erosion, and enhancing biodiversity, thereby maintaining or improving the health of the land for future cropping. This integrated approach also diversifies and stabilizes farmers income throughout the year, reducing their reliance solely on seasonal crop harvests.

Agroforestry is a component under PMRKVY and the funds are allocated to the states and UTs by the RKVY division. The scheme is implemented across most States/UTs in the country for carrying out activities such as establishment and strengthening of nurseries and production and supply of Quality Planting Materials. Besides, capacity building and training of Farmers are being undertaken in respective States/UTs.

For State of Maharashtra, an amount of Rs. 6.00 crore was allocated for the period 2023-24 to 2024-25 against which an amount of Rs. 1.99 crore was released. During CFY (2025-26), an amount of Rs. 8.34 Cr. has been released to the State of Maharashtra for implementation of the Agroforestry component under PMRKVY.

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

**Minimum Support Price
(Marketing Season-wise) (₹/quintal)**

Sr. No.	Commodities	KMS 2021-22	KMS 2022-23	KMS 2023-24	KMS 2024-25	KMS 2025-26
	<u>KHARIF CROPS</u>					
1	Paddy (Common)	1940	2040	2183	2300	2369
	Paddy (Grade 'A')	1960	2060	2203	2320	2389
2	Jowar (Hybrid)	2738	2970	3180	3371	3699
	Jowar (Maldandi)	2758	2990	3225	3421	3749
3	Bajra	2250	2350	2500	2625	2775
4	Ragi	3377	3578	3846	4290	4886
5	Maize	1870	1962	2090	2225	2400
6	Arhar	6300	6600	7000	7550	8000
7	Moong	7275	7755	8558	8682	8768
8	Urad	6300	6600	6950	7400	7800
9	Cotton (Medium Staple)	5726	6080	6620	7121	7710
	Cotton (Long Staple)	6025	6380	7020	7521	8110
10	Groundnut	5550	5850	6377	6783	7263
11	Sunflower Seed	6015	6400	6760	7280	7721
12	Soyabean Yellow	3950	4300	4600	4892	5328
13	Sesamum	7307	7830	8635	9267	9846
14	Nigerseed	6930	7287	7734	8717	9537
	<u>RABI CROPS</u>	RMS 2022-23	RMS 2023-24	RMS 2024-25	RMS 2025-26	RMS 2026-27
15	Wheat	2015	2125	2275	2425	2585
16	Barley	1635	1735	1850	1980	2150
17	Gram	5230	5335	5440	5650	5875
18	Masur	5500	6000	6425	6700	7000
19	Rapeseed & mustard	5050	5450	5650	5950	6200
20	Safflower	5441	5650	5800	5940	6540
	<u>COMMERCIAL CROPS</u>					
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
21	Jute	4500	4750	5050	5335	5650
		2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
22	Copra (milling)	10590	10860	11160	11582	12027
	Copra (ball)	11000	11750	12000	12100	12500

Note: KMS: Kharif Marketing Season, RMS: Rabi Marketing Season
