

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 357
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH JULY, 2016

INCOME OF FARMERS

357. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any announcement to ensure a certain amount of income of farmers by the year 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken/being taken by the Government for the purpose; and
- (c) the efforts to be made by the Government for increasing the Minimum Support Price of the crops at par with their cost of production?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) & (b): During the presentation of Budget for 2016-17, Union Finance Minister has stated that "We are grateful to our farmers for being the backbone of the country's food security. We need to think beyond food security and give back to our farmers a sense of income security. Government will, therefore, reorient its interventions in the farm and non-farm sectors to double the income of the farmers by 2022." To achieve the target of doubling of income of farmers by 2022, a Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare for the following aspects:

- i) To study the current Income level of farmers/ agricultural labourers
- ii) To measure the historical growth rate of the current income level
- iii) To determine the needed growth rate to double the income of farmers/agricultural labourers by the year 2021-22
- iv) To consider and recommend various strategies to be adopted to accomplish (iii) above
- v) To recommend an institutional mechanism to review and monitor implementation to realise the goal
- vi) To examine any other related issue.

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(c): Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various crops on the recommendation of Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), views of the concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments and other relevant factors. While formulating its recommendations on price policy, CACP considers, inter-alia, a number of factors including cost of production and changes in input prices. The cost of production, inter-alia, includes all paid out costs including imputed value of family labour. The objective of the government's price policy is to ensure remunerative prices to farmers by offering to procure their produce at MSP. However, farmers are free to sell their produce to the Government procurement agencies at MSP or in the open market as is advantageous to them.

Government has increased MSPs for all Kharif Crops including pulses & oil seeds for 2016-17 Season. Further, to incentivize cultivation of pulses and oil seeds in the country, Government has announced a bonus of Rs. 425/- per quintal for Kharif pulses, namely Arhar (Tur), Urad and Moong, a bonus of Rs. 200/- per quintal for Sesamum and a bonus of Rs. 100/- per quintal for other Kharif oilseeds namely, Groundnut-in-shell, Sunflower seed, Soyabean, and Nigerseed over and above the MSPs. A statement of MSP of various crops for last five year is annexed.

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICES

(According to crop year)

(As on 01.06.2016)

(Rs. per quintal)

Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	(#) increase in		(#) increase in		(#) increase in	
						MSP 2014-15	over 2013-14	MSP 2015-16	over 2014-15	MSP 2016-17	over 2015-16
KHARIF CROPS											
1	PADDY	Common	1250	1310	1360	50(3.8)	1410	50(3.7)	1470	60(4.3)	
		Grade 'A'	1280	1345	1400	55(4.1)	1450	50(3.8)	1510	60(4.1)	
2	JOWAR	Hybrid	1500	1500	1530	30(2.0)	1570	40(2.6)	1625	55(3.5)	
		Maldandi	1520	1520	1550	30(2.0)	1590	40(2.6)	1650	60(3.8)	
3	BAJRA		1175	1250	1250	-	1275	25(2.0)	1330	55(4.3)	
4	MAIZE		1175	1310	1310	-	1325	15(1.1)	1365	40(3.0)	
5	RAGI		1500	1500	1550	50(3.3)	1650	100(6.5)	1725	75(4.5)	
6	ARHAR(Tur)		3850	4300	4350	50(1.2)	4625 [*]	275(6.3)	5050 ^{^^}	425(9.2)	
7	MOONG		4400	4500	4600	100(2.2)	4850 [^]	250(5.4)	5225 ^{^^}	375(7.7)	
8	URAD		4300	4300	4350	50(1.2)	4625 [^]	275(6.3)	5000 ^{^^}	375(8.1)	
9	COTTON	Medium Staple	3600	3700	3750	50(1.4)	3800	50(1.3)	3860	60(1.6)	
		Long Staple	3900	4000	4050	50(1.3)	4100	50(1.2)	4160	60(1.5)	
10	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL		3700	4000	4000	-	4030	30(0.8)	4220 [*]	190(4.7)	
11	SUNFLOWER SEED		3700	3700	3750	50(1.4)	3800	50(1.3)	3950 [*]	150(3.9)	
12	SOYABEEN	Black	2200	2500	2500	-	-	-	-	-	
		Yellow\$\$	2240	2560	2560	-	2600	40(1.6)	2775 [*]	175(6.7)	
13	SESAMUM		4200	4500	4600	100(2.2)	4700	100(2.2)	5000 [^]	300(6.4)	
14	NIGERSEED		3500	3500	3600	100(2.9)	3650	50(1.4)	3825 [*]	175(4.8)	
RABI CROPS											
15	WHEAT		1350	1400	1450	50(3.6)	1525	75(5.2)			
16	BARLEY		980	1100	1150	50(4.5)	1225	75(6.5)			
17	GRAM		3000	3100	3175	75(2.4)	3500 ^{**}	325(10.2)			
18	MASUR (LENTIL)		2900	2950	3075	125(4.2)	3400 ^{**}	325(10.6)			
19	RAPESEED/MUSTARD		3000	3050	3100	50(1.6)	3350	250(8.0)			
20	SAFFLOWER		2800	3000	3050	50(1.7)	3300	250(8.2)			
21	TORIA		2970	3020	3020	-	3290	270(8.9)			
OTHER CROPS											
22	COPRA	Milling	5100	5250	5250	-	5550	300(5.7)	5950	400(7.2)	
	(Calender Year)	Ball	5350	5500	5500	-	5830	330(6.0)	6240	410(7.0)	
23	DE-HUSKED COCONUT		1400	1425	1425	-	1500	75(5.3)	1600	100(6.7)	
	(Calender Year)										
24	JUTE		2200	2300	2400	100(4.3)	2700	300(12.5)	3200	500(18.5)	
25	SUGARCANES		170.00	210.00	220.00	10(4.8)	230.00	10(4.5)	230.00	-	

Figures in brackets indicate percentage increase.

\$ Fair and remunerative price.

\$\$ Minimum Support Price of Soyabean yellow is also applicable to black variety during 2015 16 and 2016-17.

* Including Bonus of Rs. 100 per quintal.

** Including Bonus of Rs. 75 per quintal .

^ Including Bonus of Rs. 200 per quintal.

^^ Including Bonus of Rs. 425 per quintal.
