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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.425
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH JULY, 2016

MSP FOR KHARIF CROPS

425. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- whether the Government has increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) on Kharif crops including paddy and pulses, if so, the details thereof, crop-wise;
- whether the Government has ensured 100% procurement of pulses at MSP like paddy and wheat, if so, the details thereof; and
- whether the Government is aware that MSP for pulses was up by almost 50% during the last five years but production failed to increase and if so, the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the challenge with a hike in MSP?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a): Government has increased the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for all Kharif Crops including paddy and pulses of 2016-17 season. Details of increase in MSP for kharif crops for 2016-17 season including paddy and pulses is given at **Annexure**.

(b): To ensure procurement of pulses, Government has designated Food Corporation of India (FCI) as central nodal agency. The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India limited (NAFED), National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF), Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) will supplement efforts of FCI for price support operations for pulses.

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 Government procurement agencies or in the open market as is advantageous to them.

(c): MSP is one of the incentives for farmers to increase production of pulses. In addition, the production of pulses depends upon several factors which *inter alia* include weather condition, quality of seed, technological development, etc. During 2016-17 Government has increased the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of pulses. Further, to incentivize cultivation of pulses in the country, Government has announced a bonus of Rs.425/- per quintal for kharif pulses, namely Arhar (Tur), Urad and Moong, in addition, Government is implementing the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) – Pulses since 2008-09 through State Governments. NFSM-Pulses is being implemented in 622

Districts of 27 States including all Districts of North-Eastern and hill States for promotion of pulses.

Annexure

Minimum Support Price for Kharif crops for 2016-17 season including paddy and pulses

(in Rs.per quintal)

SI.No.	Commodity	Variety	2015-16	2016-17	MSP increase in 2016-17 over 2015-16	
					Absolute	In %
	KHARIF CROPS					
1	PADDY	Common	1410	1470	60	4.26
		Grade 'A'	1450	1510	60	4.14
2	JOWAR	Hybrid	1570	1625	55	3.50
		Maldandi	1590	1650	60	3.77
3	BAJRA		1275	1330	55	4.31
4	MAIZE		1325	1365	40	3.02
5	RAGI		1650	1725	75	4.55
6	ARHAR (Tur)		4625 [^]	5050 ^{^^}	425	9.19
7	MOONG		4850 [^]	5225 ^{^^}	375	7.73
8	URAD		4625 [^]	5000 ^{^^}	375	8.11
9	COTTON	Medium Staple	3800	3860	60	1.58
		Long Staple	4100	4160	60	1.46
10	GROUNDNUT IN SHELL		4030	4220 [*]	190	4.71
11	SUNFLOWER SEED		3800	3950 [*]	150	3.95
12	SOYABEEN	Black	-	-		
		Yellow\$\$	2600	2775 [*]	175	6.73
13	SESAMUM		4700	5000 [^]	300	6.38
14	NIGERSEDD		3650	3825 [*]	175	4.79

\$\$ MSP of soyabean yellow is also applicable to black variety.

* Including bonus of Rs.100 per quintal

[^] Including bonus of Rs.200 per quintal

^{^^} Including bonus of Rs.425 per quintal
