

हैं। भारतीय सामान्य बीमा निगम ने फसल बीमा के लिए एक योजना तैयार की है जिस पर कार्यान्वयन के लिये राज्य सरकारों के साथ विचार-विमर्श किया जा रहा है।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

†[THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The General Insurance Corporation of India has formulated a scheme for crop insurance which is being discussed with the State Governments for implementation.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.]

Increase in the cost of production of Agricultural Commodities

705. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state the extent of increase in the cost of production of agricultural commodities like rice, sugarcane, wheat, pulses this year as compared to that during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): The data on cost of production of crops collected at the field level in the States under the Comprehensive Scheme for Studying the Cost of Cultivation of Principal Crops for each year generally become available with some time lag. The position in regard to changes in cost of production as revealed by the latest cost of production data already processed is given below:

†[] English translation.

	Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—) in the cost of production over the previous year
1. Paddy	
Andhra Pradesh (1975-76)	(+) 2.49
Karnataka (1975-76)	(+) 11.71
Orissa (1975-76)	(—) 3.37
Assam (1975-76)	(—) 14.22
West Bengal (1975-76)	(+) 5.29
2. Sugarcane	
Punjab (1975-76)	(—) 1.51
Uttar Pradesh (1975-76)	(+) 6.55
3. Wheat	
Punjab (1976-77)	(+) 2.00
Uttar Pradesh (1975-76)	(—) 1.10
Haryana (1975-76)	(—) 2.34
Madhya Pradesh (1975-76)	(—) 16.45
Rajasthan (1975-76)	(—) 15.63

NOTE: These figures are provisional and subject to revision.

As regards pulses, collection of the cost of production data for gram has been undertaken since 1975-76. Comparable data over the years are not available.

Sugarcane prices paid to the Sugarcane growers

706. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state the prices paid for sugarcane by the sugar factories and khandsari units to the sugarcane growers during 1977-78 as compared to that during 1975-76 and 1976-77?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): A statement