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Wheat		1120&	1285
Gram		2100	2800
Rapeseed/Mustard		1850	2500
Jute		1575	1675

& An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal was payable over the MSP.

Encouragement for cultivation of pulses

†2647. SHRI JAI PRAKASH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering any proposal to start a drive to encourage cultivation of pulses in the forthcoming Rabi season in view of the decreasing cultivable area for the pulses; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) In order to increase the production and productivity of pulses in the country, Government of India is implementing various crop production programmes viz. National Food Security Mission — Pulses (NFSM-Pulses), Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P), Integrated Development of 60,000 Pulses Villages in Rainfed Areas under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). Pulses crops are also covered under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) in the States which are not covered under National Food Security Mission (NFSM-Pulses). Besides, an amount of Rs. 80.00 crores as additional fund under NFSM-pulses has also been released to 12 major pulses producing States for covering 1.65 million ha additional area under pulses in the forthcoming Rabi season to encourage cultivation of pulses in view of relatively less coverage of area under pulses during Kharif, 2011.

Formulation of new agriculture policy

2648. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether keeping in view the increasing incidents of suicide among farmers, Government proposes to formulate a “New National Agricultural Policy”;
- (b) whether Government also proposes to formulate “Agricultural Produce Price Policy” to ensure that farmers are provided remunerative price for their produce which will be determined on the basis of cost incurred thereon; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.