

**MSP for wheat, rice and pulses**

1862. SHRI SANJAY RAUT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the peasants, who feed the entire country, are taking away their own lives because they are not getting even the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for their produce;

(b) if so, the MSP announced by Government in respect of wheat, rice and other essential pulses; and

(c) the appropriate action Government is taking to address farmers' concerns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT) : (a) As reported by State Governments and as also revealed in studies conducted earlier, causes of suicides by farmers are manifold including crop failure, indebtedness, drought, socio-economic and personal reasons.

(b) The Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of wheat, rice and pulses fixed since 2009-10 is given below :

	<i>(Rs. Per quintal)</i>		
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Commodity	MSP	MSP	MSP
Paddy (Common)	950\$	1000	1080
Wheat	1100	1120\$	1285
Arhar (Tur)	2300	3000&	3200&
Moong	2760	3170&	3500&
Urad	2520	2900&	3300&
Gram	1760	2100	2800
Masur	1870	2250	2800

& Additional incentive of Rs. 500 per quintal is payable in respect of kharif pulses sold to procurement agencies during the harvest/arrival period of two months.

\$ An additional incentive bonus of Rs. 50 per quintal was payable over the Minimum Support Price.

(c) Government has taken several measures aimed at revitalizing agriculture sector, which, *inter-alia*, include launching of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), National Mission on Micro-Irrigation, Agricultural Debt Waiver and Debt Relief Scheme

(ADWDRS), 2008 etc., with the objective of increasing investment, productivity and production in agriculture and allied sectors and benefit farmers.

**Decline in Production Growth Rate in 2012**

†1863. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD :

SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that approximately 7 per cent growth has been estimated in the agriculture production in year 2011;
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;
- (c) whether this production growth is estimated to be only 2.5 per cent in year 2012; and
- (d) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons for disparity in production growth rate in just one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT) : (a) to (d) As per the Quick Estimates released by Central Statistics Office (CSO) on 31.01.2012 the estimated growth rate in Agriculture and Allied Sectors at 2004-05 prices for 2010-11 was 7.0 per cent. As per the Advance Estimates, released by CSO on 7.2.2012 growth rate for this sector at 2004-05 prices during 2011-12 is 2.5 per cent over the previous year. The decline in the growth rate in 2011-12 is due to high base effect. However, as a result of various initiatives taken by the Government to enhance production and productivity in the agriculture sector, the production of foodgrains has increased from 230.8 million tonnes in 2007-08 to 244.8 million tonnes in 2010-11. Further, as per the latest estimates, the foodgrains production has touched a record high at 250.4 million tonnes in 2011-12.

**Contribution of private institutions in Government schemes**

†1864. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH :

SHRI SHIV ANAND TIWARI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has urged private institutions of the country to contribute actively in Government-run schemes for enhancement of agriculture production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.