

4. Livestock Health and Disease Control
5. Livestock Insurance

#### **Central Sector Scheme**

1. National Dairy Plan-I
2. Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme
3. Central Cattle Development Organization
4. Central Fodder Development Organization

#### **Profitable prices of produce to farmers**

1417. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers do not get profitable price of their produce due to which they are losing interest in agriculture ceaselessly; and

(b) if so, the action being taken to provide profitable price to farmers for their produce?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) The Government fixes the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various crops on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of concerned State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments to ensure a minimum return to the growers. While formulating its recommendations on price policy, CACP considers a number of important factors which include, *inter-alia*, cost of production, changes in input prices, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living etc.

Minimum Support Price (MSP) is in the nature of a minimum guaranteed price for the farmers offered by the Government for their produce in case the market prices fall below that level. If the market offers higher price than MSP, the farmers are free to sell at that price.

The agriculture sector has grown at an average of 3.3% per annum in the Eleventh Five Year Plan as compared to 2.3% during Tenth Five Year Plan. The total number of cultivators has also increased since 1951.

In addition, the Government is implementing various programmes/schemes, *inter-alia*, with the objective of improving productivity, profitability and economic viability of farming which includes Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) etc.

#### **Demand and production of pulses and oilseeds**

1418. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of oilseeds and pulses is low in comparison to the demand in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of production of the said crops during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether there is any proposal to acquire land on lease abroad for farming and use of hybrid seeds to meet the said shortage; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with other steps taken to increase the production of said crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Details of Projected Demand (As per the Report of the Working Group of Planning Commission for the Eleventh Five Year Plan) and Estimated Production of pulses and oilseeds during the last three years *i.e.*, 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 are as under:-

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Pulses			Oilseeds		
	Projected Demand	Estimated Production	Shortfall/ Gap	Projected Demand	Estimated Production	Shortfall/ Gap
2009-10	18.29	14.66	3.63	49.35	24.88	24.47
2010-11	19.08	18.24	0.84	51.34	32.48	18.86
2011-12	19.91	17.21*	2.70	53.39	30.01*	23.38

\*As per 4th Advance Estimates for 2011-12.