

Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seed, National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Gramin Bhandaran Yojana etc. in the country.

MSP for wheat

785. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed no change in Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat at Rs. 1285 per quintal for 2013-14 season but has suggested a bonus of Rs. 130 per quintal over and above MSP;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Food Ministry has opposed the proposal and suggested to go with the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and retain MSP for wheat at the last years level of Rs. 1285/-; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) to (d) Government fixes the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of various crops taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), the views of State Governments and Central Ministries/Departments and other relevant factors.

MSP for wheat for 2012-13 has not yet been finalized.

Spread of bird flu

786. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that bird flu is causing worry to poultry farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that export of Indian poultry products is banned; and