

Other measures taken by the Government for the benefit of farmers include enhancement in minimum support prices of agricultural commodities, increase in institutional credit flow to agriculture and allied sector, post-harvest loan for six months to eliminate distress sale of agriculture produce by farmers, debt waiver/relief, interest subvention on crop loans, revival package for strengthening Short Term Rural Cooperative Credit Structure, etc.

MSP of agricultural products

1854. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has made its commitment to increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of certain agricultural produces, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of items that have been identified for increase of MSP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) The Government has fixed the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for Kharif Crops of 2014-15 Season. The MSPs of Kharif Crops of 2013-14 and 2014-15 Season are given in the Statement.

Statement

Minimum Support Prices

					(₹ per Quintal)
Sl. No.	Commodity	Variety	2013-14	2014-15	Increase in MSP 2014-15 Over 2013-14
1	2	3	4	5	6
Kharif Crops					
1.	Paddy	Common	1310	1360	50
		Grade 'A'	1345	1400	55
2.	Jowar	Hybrid	1500	1530	30
		Maldandi	1520	1550	30

1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	Bajra		1250	1250	-
4.	Maize		1310	1310	-
5.	Ragi		1500	1550	50
6.	Arhar (Tur)		4300	4350	50
7.	Moong		4500	4600	100
8.	Urad		4300	4350	50
9.	Cotton	Medium Staple	3700	3750	50
		Long Staple	4000	4050	50
10.	Groundnut in shell		4000	4000	-
11.	Sunflower Seed		3700	3750	50
12.	Soyabean	Black	2500	2500	-
		Yellow	2560	2560	-
13.	Sesamum		4500	4600	100
14.	Nigerseed		3500	3600	100

Second green revolution

1855. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- whether Government has any plan to introduce second green revolution, especially in the eastern part of the country;
- if so, the details thereof;
- the target and fund allocated under the scheme, State-wise; and
- if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) Government of India has been implementing the programme of “Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI)” – a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) in seven Eastern States of Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh (East) and West