

pulses have been included under BGREI from 2015-16 as part of demonstrations under cropping system based approach to target rice fallow areas. Under the above Schemes, farmers get incentives/ assistance for interventions in terms of improved technologies *i.e.* need-based inputs, crop- based cropping systems, cluster demonstration of quality seeds, enhancing farm efficiency through improved agronomic practices such as line sowing, soil amendments, integrated nutrient management, integrated pest management, water use efficiency tools, farm machineries and implements etc.

Further, to ensure remunerative prices to farmers, the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of pulses has been increased over the years and the Government designates nodal agencies for procurement of pulses as and when their prices fall below the MSP.

(d) The details of export and import of pulses in terms of quantity during the last three years are as under:

Year	Quantity of pulses (lakh tonnes)	
	Exported	Imported
2012-13	2.03	40.13
2013-14	3.46	31.77
2014-15	2.22	45.84

Source: Department of Commerce.

Burden of loans on farmers

†2116. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH:
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the report of the National Sample Survey, production has increased by 13 per cent in the agriculture sector in the last one decade, whereas an increase of 24 per cent has been registered in the loans on account of which the farmers are burdened with the payment of the loans; and

(b) whether Government will contemplate to give fair price for the produce of farmers after abolishing all the subsidies being granted to farmers, so that farmers could come out from the web of debt, insurance and subsidy and if so, the details thereof?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducted the Situation Assessment Survey of agricultural households during National Sample Survey 70th Round (January 2013 – December 2013) in the rural areas of the country with respect to the agricultural year July 2012 – June 2013. The survey aimed at capturing the condition of agricultural households in the country and not the production in the agricultural sector. The survey report did not have any information on the decadal growth of production in agricultural sector or increase of loans of farmers in the country.

(b) No proposal is under consideration of the Government. Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 23 agriculture commodities including fair and remunerative price of sugarcane every year. Factors including cost of production, overall demand-supply impact of MSP on consumers etc. are taken into consideration while announcing MSP.

Development of HYV seeds

2117. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:
SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the High Yielding Varieties (HYV) of seeds developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) during the last one year, crop-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred for developing such seeds during the year;

(c) whether HYV seeds of wheat and maize are being developed only by the foreign countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to develop research activities to improve the quality of seeds in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) The crop based institutes and All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs) under the aegis of Crop Science Division of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have developed 74 High Yielding Varieties (HYVs)/hybrids of field crops viz. cereals (47), pulses (12), oil seeds (8), forage crops (5) and sugarcane (2) during 2014.