

Farmers not getting production cost of agricultural crops

1296. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a rise in the production cost of several agricultural crops in various parts of the country during the last three years, if so, details thereof;
- (b) whether farming community is not getting their production cost;
- (c) if so, Government's response thereto and details of steps taken for the overall enhancement in farm earning;
- (d) whether Government is considering to bring in any new policy to pay farmers according to their actual agri-production cost like in USA; and
- (e) if so, Government's stands thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There has been a rise in the cost of production of several agricultural crops during the last three years. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed by the Government on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) takes into account the cost of production of agricultural crops along with other important factors. MSPs have also increased over the years. MSP is in the nature of a minimum price offered by the Government to the farmers for their produce in case the market prices fall below that level. Farmers are free to sell their produce to Government agencies at MSP or in the open market, as is advantageous to them. The details of the All India weighted average Cost of Production (paid-out cost and family labour) of major agricultural commodities and Minimum Support Price (MSP) declared by the Government during the last three years is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The Government has initiated several steps to bring down cost of production of agricultural commodities by promoting increase in productivity through efficient use of inputs like fertilizers, irrigation, quality seeds, machinery, etc. Government is promoting Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) for balanced and judicious use of chemical fertilizers, bio-fertilizers and locally available organic manures like farmyard manure, compost, vermin-compost and green manure based on soil testing to maintain soil health and productivity etc.

Statement*Statement regarding farmers not getting production cost of agricultural crops*

		(₹ per quintal)					
Sl.No.	Commodity	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15	
		Weighted Average Cost of Production (A2+FI)	MSP	Weighted Average Cost of Production (A2+FI)	MSP	Weighted Average Cost of Production (A2+FI)	MSP
Kharif Crops							
1.	Paddy Common	814	1250	961	1310	978	1360
2.	Jowar Hybrid	1240	1500	1269	1500	1370	1530
3.	Bajra	779	1175	768	1250	832	1250
4.	Maize	814	1175	860	1310	914	1310
5.	Ragi	1412	1500	1338	1500	1474	1550
6.	Arhar (Tur)	2765	3850	3090	4300	3105	4350
7.	Moong	3430	4400	3775	4500	3890	4600
8.	Urad	3102	4300	3144	4300	3225	4350
9.	Cotton (Medium Staple)	1970	3600	2485	3700	2510	3750
10.	Groundnut In Shell	2873	3700	2720	4000	3232	4000
11.	Sunflower Seed	2955	3700	3000	3700	3129	3750
12.	Soyabean (Black)	1726	2200	1692	2500	1729	2500
13.	Sesamum	2893	4200	2919	4500	3765	4600
14.	Nigerseed	3428	3500	2279	3500	3084	3600
Rabi Crops							
1.	Wheat	716	1350	679	1400	744	1450
2.	Barley	620	980	676	1100	735	1150
3.	Gram	1696	3000	1786	3100	1902	3175
4.	Masur (lentil)	1926	2900	1799	2950	1866	3075
5.	Rapeseed/Mustard	1260	3000	1307	3050	1504	3100
6.	Safflower	2754	2800	2558	3000	3025	3050

Note: A2+Fl: All paid out costs including Family Labour.