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Source: Table 7 of NSS report KI (70733): Key Indicators of Situation of Agricultural Households in India.

Note: Income Includes income from salary wages, net receipt from cultivation, net receipt from farming of animals and net receipt from non-farm business.

## Decline in sowing of rabi crops

1452. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the sowing of rabi crops in 2015-16 is 30 per cent less than 2014-15;
- (b) if so, how Government will be able to increase grain production by 5 per cent to offset 2 per cent drop in kharif grain output; and

(c) how the Ministry is looking at the above situation and the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per Second Advance Estimates, total area coverage under rabi crops during 2015-16 has been lower by only around 5% as compared to that of 2014-15. However, as a result of various initiatives and mitigation measures taken by the Government, total production of rabi foodgrains during 2015-16 is estimated to be higher by around 4% as compared to rabi foodgrains production during 2014-15.

(c) In order to boost agricultural production including that of rabi crops in the country, the Government of India is implementing through State Governments, several Crop Development Schemes/Programmes such as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) etc.

Under these Schemes/Programmes, funds are provided to States for implementation of State-specific agricultural strategies including incentives to farmers for use of quality seeds, Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), Integrated Pest Management (IPM), farm mechanization, etc. The States are also provided support for creation of agricultural infrastructure for optimal use of water and other natural resources.

## **Profit on MSP**

- †1453. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government proposes to implement the recommendations of the Swaminathan Committee as such, in the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of crops in the Centre's list including paddy and wheat for which minimum support price is given, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether Central Government and the State Governments propose to add 10 per cent profit in the minimum support price given to the farmers every year; and
  - (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.