

*(B) Details of commodities procured under MIS during
2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17*

Sl. No.	Year	Commodity	Market Intervention Price (MIP) (₹ per MT)	State	Sanctioned Qty. (in MTs.)
1.	2014-15 01.05.2014 to 16.06.2014	Chilli	42,000/-	Mizoram	2,850
2.	2014-15 15.08.2014 to 15.10.2014	'C' Grade Apple	6,500/-	Himachal Pradesh	27,000
3.	2014-15 25.11.2014 to 25.12.2014	Ginger	9,050/-	Nagaland	32,000
4.	2015-16 20.05.2015 to 20.06.2015	Potato	4,250/-	Uttar Pradesh	1,00,000
5.	2015-16 15.12.2015 to 14.03.2016	Oil Palm FFB	7,888/-	Andhra Pradesh	1,14,963
6.	2016-17 01.09.2016 to 30.09.2016	Grapes	42,000/-	Mizoram	3,800
7.	2016-17 01.11.2016 to 30.11.2016	Onion	6,240/-	Karnataka	1,00,000
8.	2016-17 01.12.2016 to 30.12.2016	Onion	7,070/-	Telangana	5,000
9.	2016-17 07.12.2016 to 14.02.2017	Areca nut	Chali-2,51,000/- Red-2,70,000/-	Karnataka	Chali-28,000 Red-12,000
10.	2016-17 14.12.2016 to 12.01.2017	Palm-Oil	7,650/-	Tamil Nadu	1,000
11.	2016-17 17.02.2017 to 18.03.2017	Ginger	8,750/-	Arunachal Pradesh	12,675

Suicide by farmers

2587. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that farmers' suicides increased by 42 per cent between 2014 and 2015;

(b) if so, what factors have contributed to the phenomenon;

(c) whether the data include the deaths of agricultural labourers, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government has drawn up plans to address the agrarian crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) to (c) The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) under the Ministry of Home Affairs compiles and disseminates information on suicides, in its publication titled 'Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India' (ADSI). As per ADSI Report of 2015, the number of suicides by farmers/cultivators has gone up from 5650 in 2014 to 8,007 in 2015, registering an increase of 41.7%. Suicides by agricultural labourers have however, come down from 6,710 in 2014 to 4,595 in 2015. Thus, total number of suicides in Farming Sector increased by 2% in 2015 over 2014. Further, as per this Report, 'Bankruptcy or Indebtedness' and 'Farming Related Issues' are reported as major causes of suicides among farmers/cultivators. Other prominent causes of farmers/cultivators suicides are family problems, illness, etc.

(d) The focus of the Government is on farmers' welfare by making farming viable. Farm viability is possible, when cost of cultivation is reduced, yields per unit of farm are increased and farmers get remunerative prices on their produce. The Department has been implementing various schemes to meet this objective, viz. Soil Health Card Scheme (SHC), Neem Coated Urea, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY), Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY), National Agriculture Market scheme (e-NAM) and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

In addition, the Government provides interest subvention of 3% on short-term crop loans up to ₹ 3.00 lakh. Presently, loan is available to farmers at an interest rate of 7% per annum, which gets reduced to 4% on prompt repayment. Further, under Interest Subvention Scheme 2015-16, in order to provide relief to the farmers on occurrence of natural calamities, the interest subvention of 2% shall continue to be available to banks for the first year on the restructured amount.

Further, the Government is implementing several Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. National Food Security Mission (NFSM); Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH); National Mission on Oilseeds and Oilpalm (NMOOP); National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA); National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology (NMAET) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY).

Assessment of damage caused due to drought in Karnataka

2588. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any detailed assessment of the damage caused to the farmers due to severe drought in Karnataka, if so, the details thereof;