

- (i) to revert amount (along with 7.25% per annum interest rate) of PAHAL subsidy in consumer's previously mapped accounts in all such cases where no further transactions were made. For remaining cases, convenience of consumers would be sought.
- (ii) to undertake similar action for all such non PAHAL benefits which got transferred into Airtel Payment Bank accounts through PFMS.
- (iii) to update the NPCI mapper in all such cases where benefits have been redeposited from Airtel Payment Bank to the beneficiaries' earlier mapped bank account.
- (iv) that all cases where Airtel payment bank account has been mapped for the first time *i.e.*, hitherto non-DBT beneficiaries who received DBT payments for the first time, may be continued on the mapper after ascertaining the consent of the beneficiaries.

**Average income of agricultural households**

2089. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether data regarding average monthly income per agricultural household has been collected for different size of landholdings;
- (b) if so, under which size the maximum households fall;
- (c) the average income of that class;
- (d) whether the average income of farmers is also available; and
- (e) if not, by when it would be collected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) to (e) The average monthly income of agricultural household for different size of landholding is estimated by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) through the 'Situation Assessment Survey' conducted from time to time. The first "Situation Assessment Survey of Farmers" was conducted in rural areas of the country during NSS 59th round (January, 2003- December, 2003). Thereafter, during the 70th round, a repeat survey "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households" was conducted for the reference period of the agricultural year July, 2012 to June, 2013.

As per the results of the latest 2013 Survey, the average income per agricultural household from various sources is estimated at ₹ 6,426/- per month. Moreover, 0.41 - 1.00 hectare size class of land was estimated to have the maximum number of agricultural households (34.9 per cent) and the average monthly income per agricultural household for this size class was ₹ 5,247/-.

Since the latest 2013 Survey, NSSO has started collecting information with respect to average income per 'agricultural household' and discontinued estimating average income of 'farmers'.

#### **Increase in MSP of various crops**

2090. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

SHRI VEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government has recently announced an increase in the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of oilseeds, sugarcane, pulses and wheat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of the increase in MSP of various agricultural produces during the last three years, crop-wise;
- (d) the criteria adopted in increasing the MSP of various agricultural produces;
- (e) whether Government has any proposal to review the increase in MSP of various agricultural produces; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) to (c) Government on 24th October, 2017 has increased the minimum support prices (MSPs) of Rabi crops including oilseeds, pulses and wheat for 2017-18 season on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP), after considering the views of State Governments, Central Ministries/Departments concerned and other relevant factors. Government on 24th May, 2017 had increased the fair and remunerative price (FRP) for sugarcane and the MSP of Kharif pulses and oilseeds on 7th June, 2017. Government announces the MSP/FRP ahead of the sowing season. Details of MSPs fixed by the Government for agricultural crops including oilseeds, pulses and wheat and