

Agriculture is a State subject. However, Government of India supplements the efforts of States through appropriate policy measures and budgetary support. Government has launched several schemes to increase growth of agriculture sector in the country and for welfare of the farmers through increase in production and productivity of agricultural crops and to improve the income level of farmers. These include Crop Development Programmes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), National Mission on Agriculture Extension and Technology (NMAET), National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) and Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchay Yojana (PMKSY) etc.

Further, the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of major agricultural commodities has been progressively increased to ensure remunerative price to the farmers. The budget for 2018-19 has announced that as a pre-determined principle, Government has decided to keep MSP at one and half times of the cost of production of the ensuing Kharif crop also in line with that already implemented for the majority of rabi crops of 2018-19 marketing season.

Average income of farmers

2449. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that the average income of farmers' family is only ₹1700/- to ₹1800/- per month and around ₹60/- only per day in the country and they are not able to even feed their families properly with this income;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and response of Government thereto;
- (c) whether farmers from various States have protested in Delhi and other parts of the country during February, 2018 against the policies of Central Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) and (b) As per the "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households" conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) in 2013, the average monthly income per agricultural

household from various sources is estimated to be ₹ 6426. State-wise details are given in the Statement (*See below*)

(c) and (d) From time to time, farmers and farmers' organizations have been making various demands from the Government through representations. Some incidents of agitations from the farmers and farmers' organizations have been there in the recent months in some of the States, including Delhi.

In order to protect the interest of farmers, Government is implementing a number of schemes/programmes. These include, *inter-alia*, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Soil Health Card, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Neem Coated Urea, National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), etc.

One of the demands of the farmers has been that the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) of agricultural crops should be raised. The Union Budget for 2018-19 has announced that as a pre-determined principle, Government has decided to keep MSP at one and half times the cost of production of the ensuing kharif crops in line with that already implemented for the rabi crops of 2018-19 marketing season. The Budget for 2018-19 has also indicated that NITI Aayog in consultation with Centre and State Governments will put in place a fool proof mechanism so that farmers will get adequate price for their produce.

Statement

*Average Monthly Income per Agricultural Household as per 'Situation
Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households 2013'*

(Figures in ₹)			
State	Average Monthly Income per Agricultural Household	1	2
		Chhattisgarh	5177
		Gujarat	7926
1	2	Haryana	14434
Andhra Pradesh	5979	Himachal Pradesh	8777
Arunachal Pradesh	10869	Jammu and Kashmir	12683
Assam	6695	Jharkhand	4721
Bihar	3558	Karnataka	8832

1	2	1	2
Kerala	11888	Tamil Nadu	6980
Madhya Pradesh	6210	Telangana	6311
Maharashtra	7386	Tripura	5429
Manipur	8842	Uttarakhand	4701
Meghalaya	11792	Uttar Pradesh	4923
Mizoram	9099	West Bengal	3980
Nagaland	10048	Group of UTs	8568
Odisha	4976	All India	6426
Punjab	18059		
Rajasthan	7350		
Sikkim	6798		

Source: NSSO

Note: Income includes salary/wages, net receipt from cultivation, net receipt from farming of animals and net receipt from non-farm business

Growth rate of agriculture sector

2450. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL:

SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

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

(a) the target set and actual growth rate achieved in Agriculture sector during the last two years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government would face biggest challenge with regard to food inflation in the coming days as there may be reduction in overall agriculture growth rate; and

(c) if so, the measures taken for improvement of agricultural growth and management of foodgrains production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) The growth target for the twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-2017) was fixed at 4% for agriculture and allied sector. However, Government of India has not announced any year-wise and State-wise targets.