

2. Terms of Reference of the Committee:

- (i) To discuss measures for transformation of agriculture and raising farmers income and suggest modalities for adoption and time bound implementation of following reforms by States/UTs:
 - (a) The State/Union Territory Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation, 2017(APLM Act,2017)) circulated by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI to States/UTs.
 - (b) The State/Union Territory Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2018)) circulated by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, GOI to States/UTs.
- (ii) To examine various provision of Essential Commodity Act (EC Act), 1955 and situations that require ECA. To suggest changes in the ECA to attract private investment in agricultural marketing and infrastructure.
- (iii) To suggest mechanism for linking of market reforms with e-NAM, GRAM and other relevant Centrally Sponsored Schemes.
- (iv) To suggest policy measures to (a) boost agricultural export (b) raise growth in food processing (c) attract investment in modern market infrastructure, value chains and logistics
- (v) To suggest measures to upgrade agri-technology to global standards and improve access of farmers to quality seed plant propagation material and farm machinery in agriculturally advanced countries.
- (vi) To propose any other relevant reforms for transformation of agriculture sector and raising farmers income.

Increase/decline in income of farmers

†3838. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently conducted any survey to find out the increase/decline in the income of the farmers of the country since 2014;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 respectively; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and on what basis Government claims that the income of the farmers has increased or is increasing?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (c) National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) is the nodal agency for conducting surveys and collecting data. The latest available estimates of average income per agricultural household in the country are based on the "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households" conducted by NSSO during its 70th round (January 2013 - December 2013). As per the survey results, the average monthly income per agricultural household from all sources is estimated to be ₹ 6,426/.

NSSO has not conducted any such Survey since 2013; hence, comparable estimates to establish increase/decline in income from 2014-15 to 2018-19 are not available.

Government had constituted an Inter-ministerial Committee in April, 2016 to examine the issues relating to 'Doubling of Farmers' Income' and recommend strategies to achieve the same. The Committee has submitted its Report to the Government in September, 2018. As per the available reports, the Committee has considered the estimates of agricultural households' income obtained from NSS 70' round unit level data as the base level income. The Committee has kept 2015-16 as the base year and derived income for the base year at both current and constant prices for major States and major size-classes.

Damage to crops by cattle

3839. DR. ASHOK BAJPAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that area under vegetables and pulses in Uttar Pradesh is reduced because of damage caused by Neelgai and other cattle;

(b) if so, whether Government has any plan for mass-catching of animals and shifting them to reserve forests; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (c) No report has been received from the State of Uttar Pradesh regarding reduction in the area under vegetables and Pulses due to damage caused by Neelgai and other cattle.