

of their crops by changing the existing formula of fixing Minimum Support Price (MSP) on the basis of C-2 system;

(b) whether Government would consider the demand of farmers' organisations and the recommendations of MS Swaminathan Commission on fixing MSP for farmers crops so that their financial condition may improve; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) to (c) From time to time, some farmers and farmers' organizations have been making such said demand regarding changing existing formal of MSP.

National Commission on Farmers (NCF) headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan had recommended that the MSP should be at least 50 percent more than the weighted average cost of production. However, when the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 was finalized by the then Government, this recommendation of providing 50 per cent returns over cost of production was not included.

The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSP at levels of one and half times of the cost of production. Accordingly, Government has increased the MSP for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops with a return of atleast 50 per cent of cost of production for the agricultural year 2018-19. This decision of the Government was a historic one as it fulfills the commitment to the farmers to provide 50 per cent return over all-India weighted average cost of production for the first time for all mandated crops. During 2019-20 also, Government has increased the MSP of all mandated kharif and rabi crops in line with the principle of fixing the MSP with a return of atleast 50 per cent of the cost of production.

#### **MSP for Rabi crops**

672. SHRI RAVIPRAKASH VERMA:

SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

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

(a) whether Government has increased the MSP of various crops for Rabi season 2019-20;

- (b) if so, the details of increase in MSP, crop-wise;
- (c) whether the above increase is in accordance with the recommendations of Swaminathan Commission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of other measures Government has taken to double the income of farmers by 2022?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR): (a) and (b) Union Government has announced the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for six rabi crops *viz.* wheat, barley, gram, lentil, rapeseed and mustard and safflower on 23rd October, 2019. The details of increase in MSP are given in Statement-I.

(c) to (e) National Commission on Farmers (NCF) headed by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan has recommended that the Minimum Support Price (MSP) should be at least 50 per cent more than the weighted average cost of production. However, when the National Policy for Farmers, 2007 was finalized by the then Government, this recommendation of providing 50 per cent returns over cost of production was not included.

The Union Budget for 2018-19 had announced the pre-determined principle to keep MSP at levels of one and half times the cost of production. Accordingly, Government has increased the MSPs for all mandated Kharif, Rabi and other commercial crops with a return of at least 50 per cent of cost of production for the agricultural year 2018-19. The increase in MSP of rabi crops of year 2019-20 to be marketed in Rabi Marketing Season 2020-21 is also in accordance to the principle of providing at least 50% return over cost of production. The crop-wise return over cost of production is given in Statement (*See below*).

(f) The Government had constituted an Inter-ministerial Committee in April, 2016 to examine issues relating to "Doubling of Farmers Income" and recommend strategies to achieve the same. The Committee submitted its Report to the Government in September, 2018 and thereafter, an Empowered Body was set up on 23.01.2019 to monitor and review the progress against the recommendations. Due to the efforts made as part of schemes/ programmes of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

which also aligns with the strategy of doubling farmers' income, there has been an appreciable improvement in efficiency bringing about a positive impact in the agriculture sector.

Major schemes and programmes being implemented in this regard, *inter-alia* include enacting of the Model Act 'The Agricultural Produce & Livestock Marketing (Promotion & Facilitation) Act, 2017', e-National Agricultural Markets, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana, Soil Health Card, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) and PM Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana.

**Statement**

*Details of Minimum Support Prices for rabi crops*

(₹ per quintal)						
Sl. No.	Crops	Cost* of production RMS# 2020-21	MSP for RMS# 2019-20	MSP for RMS* 2020-21	Absolute increase in MSP	Return over cost (in per cent)
1.	Wheat	923	1840	1925	85	109
2.	Barley	919	1440	1525	85	66
3.	Gram	2801	4620	4875	255	74
4.	Lentil	2727	4475	4800	325	76
5.	Rapeseed and Mustard	2323	4200	4425	225	90
6.	Safflower	3470	4945	5215	270	50

\*Refers to comprehensive cost which includes all paid out costs such as those incurred on account of hired human labour, bullock labour/machine labour, rent paid for leased in land, expenses incurred on use of material inputs like seeds, fertilizers, manures, irrigation charges, depreciation on implements and farm buildings, interest on working capital, diesel/electricity for operation of pump sets etc., miscellaneous expenses and imputed value of family labour.

#RMS refers to Rabi Marketing Season

**Crops loss due to floods and storms**

†673. SHRI RAMKUMAR VERMA:

SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

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

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.