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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 161
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03RD FEBRUARY, 2023

COST OF AGRICULTURAL CROPS

161. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

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

- (a) The factual status regarding doubling of cost of agricultural crops to the farmers by 2022;
- (b) The total number of crops whose cost has doubled; and
- (c) The details of the increase in the cost of crops during the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) to (c): While recommending Minimum Support Prices (MSP), the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) considers important factors like cost of production, overall demand -supply situation, price trends in domestic and global prices, inter-crop price parity, terms of trade between agriculture and non-agriculture sector, likely impact of price policy on the rest of the economy, rational utilization of land, water, other input cost indices and other production resources and a minimum of 50% as margin over cost of production (as announced by the Government of India in its Union Budget 2018-19 and effective since then). Hence, Cost of production is one of the important factors in the determination of MSP. While recommending its price policy, the CACP considers all paid out costs and imputed value of family labour. The paid out costs includes value of hired human labour, bullock labour, machine labour, hired machinery charges, seed, insecticides and pesticides, manures, fertilizer, irrigation charges, land revenue, cesses and taxes etc. The all-India weighted average cost of production in respect of mandated 23 crops for the last 5 years is given in **Annexure**.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question no. 161 due for reply on 03/02/2023

The all-India weighted average cost of production in respect of mandated 23 crops for the last 5 years is given below. (Rs./Qtl.)

Projected Cost of Production(CoP)*					
Crop	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Kharif Crops					
Paddy	1166	1208	1245	1293	1360
Jowar	1619	1698	1746	1825	1977
Bajra	990	1083	1175	1213	1268
Maize	1130	1171	1213	1246	1308
Ragi	1931	2100	2194	2251	2385
Tur (Arhar)	3431	3636	3796	3886	4131
Moong	4650	4699	4797	4850	5167
Urad	3437	3477	3660	3816	4155
Groundnut	3259	3394	3515	3699	3873
Soybean	2266	2473	2587	2633	2805
Sunflower	3592	3767	3921	4010	4113
Sesamum	4166	4322	4570	4871	5220
Nigerseed	3917	3960	4462	4620	4858
Cotton	3432	3501	3676	3817	4053
Rabi Crops					
Wheat	865	923	960	1008	1065
Barley	859	919	971	1019	1082
Gram	2637	2801	2866	3004	3206
Lentil(Masur)	2531	2727	2864	3079	3239
R&M	2211	2323	2415	2523	2670
Safflower	3294	3470	3551	3627	3765
Other Crops					
Sugarcane	155	156	159	155	162
Copra	6347	6639	6805	6974	7153
Jute	2267	2535	2709	2832	2959

Source:- Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP)

*All paid out costs and imputed value of family labour
