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HIKE IN MSP FOR PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a high level expert committee has suggested a substantial hike in the MSP for pulses;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the recommendations made by the high level expert committee and further action taken by the Government on such recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. An Expert Committee on Pulses has suggested that the present MSP is not commensurate with the increase in the cost of production of pulses as the pulses cultivation is associated with high risk factors of biotic and abiotic stresses that necessitates strong support to promote the production of pulses in the country. Therefore, the Committee has suggested that the strategy of fixing Minimum Support Price (MSP) for pulses is required to be reoriented to cover higher risk involved in the production of pulses.

(c): The details of the recommendations made by the Expert Committee on pulses are given below:

1. The crops like lentil, rajmash, peas and mothbean be also covered under MSP scheme.
2. The strategy for fixing MSP for pulses be reoriented to provide allowance for the higher risk involved.
3. Marketing of pulses through Co-operative societies as in case of Oilseeds would be desirable.

The Government has initiated necessary action in this regard.