

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LOSSES IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers in some parts of the country including Punjab are leaving the agriculture profession, as they are suffering losses therein;
- (b) if so, the incentives likely to be offered by the Government for improving the financial status of the farmers; and
- (c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to provide relief from debt and to check losses in agriculture to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): No such reports from states have been received by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.

(b) & (c): To increase productivity and production of crops, the Government of India has been implementing various crop development schemes of National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management Mode of Agriculture (MMA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Integrated Oilseeds, Pulses, Maize and Oilpalm (ISOPOM), Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P), Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton, Mini Mission-II of Jute Technology Mission, extending Green Revolution to Eastern India and organizing 60,000 pulses & oil seeds villages in rainfed areas etc. Under these schemes, assistance is provided to the farmers on various inputs like seeds, agriculture implements, water saving devices, Integrated pest management, transfer of crop production and plant protection technology through demonstrations and training of farmers and extension workers etc. • Minimum Support Price has been significantly increased for all the crops to give remunerative returns to farmers for their produce.