

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE AS A PROFESSION

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the practice of agriculture as a profession has become least profitable;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to initiate any scheme to make it a profitable profession as a large number of people are dependent/engaged in agriculture in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The National Policy for Farmers, 2007 addresses various problems being faced by farmers in a comprehensive manner including improving economic viability of farming to substantially increase the net income of farmers. Provisions of National Policy for Farmers are being implemented through various ongoing programmes and schemes of Government which, inter alia, include significant increase in investment in agricultural and allied sector through various schemes such as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna, National Food Security Mission, National Horticulture Mission, National Mission on Micro Irrigation, extending Green Revolution to Eastern India, Macro Management on Agriculture, National Agriculture Insurance Scheme, Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme, Strengthening of States' Extension Services, Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses, increasing credit availability to farmers etc. and strengthening Marketing infrastructure.

The Minimum Support Prices of major crops have also been increased in the range of 42% to 84% in case of cereals, upto 114% in case of pulses and 104% in case of oilseeds during 2005-06 to 2010-11 for the benefit of farmers.