

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRICE OF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers in the country including Uttar Pradesh are not getting adequate price for their crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to provide assistance to the farmers in the country including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details alongwith the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The Government fixes the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for major agricultural commodities. The Government offers to purchase the produce at MSP. However, the farmers are free to sell their produce if the market offers higher price than MSP.

The Government ensures MSP through procurement operations undertaken by the Central, State and cooperative agencies in the states including Uttar Pradesh.

State governments have been alerted from time to time to make adequate arrangements to ensure MSP to farmers.

(c) & (d): The Government, interalia, implements various schemes in the states including Uttar Pradesh such as Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) etc. under which various incentives are given with a view to increasing agricultural productivity and production.